



## **Memo**

**To:** Commissioners, First 5 Ventura County

**From:** Sam McCoy, Director of Programs and Evaluations

**Date:** February 24, 2022

**Re: Recommendation to Continue Challenge Grant Contracts for Triple P Services, Training and Capacity Building for FY2022-23**

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### **Background**

Since FY 2011-12, First 5 Ventura County (F5VC) has funded the Triple P Positive Parenting Program through contracts with local providers to deliver Triple P services, coordinate trainings and distribute materials.

In June of 2021, the Commission approved using Challenge Grant funding to continue contracting with the Triple P service providers from the FY 2019-21 grant cycle, including those funded as subcontractors. This action provided a FY 2021-22 allocation of up to \$50,000 for Infinite New Day and Interface Children and Family Services to leverage Challenge Grant funding to access alternative sources for billing direct services for families, such as Medi-Cal and Beacon. Applicants were requested to provide a plan for implementing services with families, account for the population served and propose measurement of tracking family outcomes.

Over the course of the fiscal year, F5VC staff have had ongoing conversations with both Triple P implementation partners to examine the effectiveness and fidelity to the model, continued alignment with strategic priorities, and leveraging opportunities. Contractors have communicated a variety of challenges to the program implementation, primary due to the impact of Covid-19, such as the barriers to traditional forms of outreach, ongoing adaptation to virtual services for families accustomed to in-person services, and Triple P trained clinical staff turnover and shortages.

Due to current circumstances, F5VC staff recommend the continuation of Challenge Grant funded Triple P contractors for FY 2022-23 to continue examining the viability and outcome of the funding model. Challenge Grants are contemplated in the First 5 Ventura County long-range financial plan through FY 2026 at an annual allocation of \$400,000.

### **Recommendation**

Recommended action would grant authority to the Executive Director to continue to contract with current contractors Interface Children and Family Services and Infinite New Day to provide Triple P services, training, and capacity building through challenge grant

funding not to exceed a maximum amount of \$50,000 per contractor for July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.