



AGENDA ITEM: 26-36

DATE OF MEETING: September 9, 2026

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**AUTHORIZE CALWORKS HOME VISITING PROGRAM ALLOCATION, EXPANSION
OF EXISTING HOME VISITING PROVIDER CONTRACTS, AND APPROVE
RELEASE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS [\$6,296,540 – CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
CALWORKS FUNDS]**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

Staff recommend a two-part home visiting investment strategy. First, accept Riverside County's \$6,296,540 FY 2026/27 CalWORKs Home Visiting Program allocation, including \$2,000,000 in additional funding to expand service capacity through existing contracted home visiting providers through June 30, 2027. Expansion funding will be allocated using a standardized methodology that considers provider performance, demonstrated capacity, enrollment and expenditure trends, geographic and population needs, and the ability to utilize additional funding within the current contract term.

Second, approve development and release of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for home visiting services for the period July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2030. The procurement will be open to qualified existing and new providers and will align with the Commission's 2027–2030 Strategic Plan. Recommended provider selections and contract awards will be returned to the Commission for approval following completion of the RFQ process.

BACKGROUND

On July 8, 2026, the Commission reviewed and adopted the Strategic Plan Refinement for 2027-2030. First 5 Riverside County will continue investing in trusted, voluntary, culturally responsive supports that meet real-life needs earlier and with less burden. This includes Family Resource Centers, home visiting, HealthySteps, early learning partnerships, and community-based resources.

Home visiting supports both child development and family resilience. In Goal Area 2 Comprehensive Health and Development, the emphasis is on home visiting as part of coordinated screening, referral, maternal health, child development, and care coordination pathways.

This competitive procurement is intended to strengthen and expand home visiting service capacity and increase the number of eligible families who can be served.

The procurement will evaluate providers demonstrated ability to reach and effectively serve families in high-need communities. Home visiting providers will be expected to collaborate at the local, regional, and state levels to strengthen a comprehensive and aligned early childhood and family support system and improve connections to services for eligible families throughout Riverside County.

CalWORKs Home Visiting Program funds support eligible evidence-based models, including Healthy Families America, Nurse-Family Partnership, and Parents as Teachers.

Home visitors partner with families to promote child development and confident parenting by supporting the relationship among the family, home visitor, and the community. Home visiting is a program that holds promise for families experiencing greater barriers or higher levels of need with young children. Initiating this program prenatally and increasing the number of visits improves developmental and health outcomes for children.

Prior Commission Action Items:

On May 13, 2026 (Action Item 26-18): The Commission approved amendments for eight (8) home visiting contracts to extend the term through June 30, 2027, and increase the combined not-to-exceed amount by \$4,632,061, for a revised total of \$17,793,916. This combined amount is reflective of the total CalWORKs Home Visiting investment spanning from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027. This action supported continued delivery of home visiting services, maintained stability in CalWORKs-funded programs, and ensured continuity of care during the transition to the next Strategic Plan and procurement cycle.

On July 9, 2025 (Action Item 25-26): The Commission authorized the use of Proposition 10 funds to ensure continuity of CalWORKs Home Visiting Program services if state funding is insufficient. This included up to \$285,000 in FY 2024/25 to supplement CalWORKs Home Visiting Program funding once the maximum reimbursable amount was exhausted, and up to \$771,842 in FY 2025/26 to cover the projected gap between committed provider contracts and anticipated CalWORKs Home Visiting Provider funding, and Authorized adjusting funding levels of partner agency contracts, including decreasing or increasing CalWORKs allocations, not to exceed the Commission authorized home visit initiative maximum (\$4,251,891).

On January 22, 2025 (Action Item 25-06): The Commission approved the Amendment with Jeung Choo Yoo, MD, Inc. (Contract No. CF24114) for an additional \$240,000

Proposition 10 funds for a total amount not to exceed \$1,597,105, effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026, for Home Visiting Expanded Population.

On October 23, 2024 (Action Item 24-33): The Commission approved the development and release of Request for Qualification for a community home visiting multi-model investment. The investment expanded existing evidence-based home visitation models being administered by various service provider organizations in Riverside County utilizing allocated California Department of Social Services CalWORKs funding. The project period included fiscal years 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 investment not to exceed \$1,562,931.

On May 8, 2024 (Action Item 24-17): The Commission authorized Prop 10 funds to align programming duration to continue serving families for the expected duration of the model. This funding would support families already enrolled in a state or federally funded Home Visiting Program (HVP) who were exited due to strict eligibility requirements or deemed ineligible after HVP services begin.

On July 17, 2023 (Action Item 23-34): The Commission approved Contract No CF24127 with John F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation for an amount not to exceed \$254,280, effective July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023, for the SafeCare Home Visitation Program.

On July 17, 2023 (Action Item 23-33): The Commission approved Contract No CF24128 with Family Services Association, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$25,381, effective July 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023, for transition funding to support the SafeCare Home Visitation Program.

On May 10, 2023 (Action Item 23-30): The Commission approved two contracts (CF24120 and CF24119) with Riverside University Health System – Public Health, in alignment with Riverside County Children and Families Commission Strategic Plan through 2026, for an amount not to exceed \$1,763,034, effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026. Approval of these contracts supports home visiting funded by Prop 10 and CalWORKs.

On May 10, 2023 (Action Item 23-29): The Commission approved three contracts (CF24116, CF24107, and CF24115) with Jurupa Unified School District, in alignment with Riverside County Children and Families Commission Strategic Plan through 2026, for an amount not to exceed \$2,998,648 effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026. Approval of those contracts supported home visiting funded by Prop 10 and CalWORKs, as well as the Family Resource Center Network Specialist position funded by Prop 10.

On May 10, 2023 (Action Item 23-24): The Commission approved 14 contracts noted in Attachment B – Table 1, with existing partner agencies, in alignment with the Riverside County Children and Families Commission 2023 – 2026 Strategic Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$12,419,368. Proposition 10 funds support 10 contracts in the amount not to exceed \$4,977,605, and California Department of Social Services CalWORKs funds support four contracts in the amount of \$7,441,763.

On March 8, 2023 (Action Item 23-13): The Commission approved Memorandum of Understanding (DPSS-0000619) with the County of Riverside Department of Public Social Services for an amount not to exceed \$44,558,280 effective July 1, 2023 – June 20, 2028, for CalWORKs Home Visiting Services (CWHVP). Annual maximum reimbursable amount of \$5,292,507 from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

On May 12, 2021 (Action Item 21-20): The Commission authorized an increase to Home Visiting agency contracts for expansion of the Family Resource Center network from previously committed Prop 10 funds. This request increased the authorized two-year contracts with home visiting agencies, funded not to exceed \$2,402,076, as previously approved.

On May 12, 2021 (Action Item 21-19): The Commission approved Contract No. CF22104 with Riverside University Health Systems Public Health (RUHS-PH) for an amount not to exceed \$1,209,110 effective July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023, for the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) home visiting services and approved Contract No. CF22111 with Jeung Choo Yoo MD Inc for an amount not to exceed \$2,344,030 effective July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023, for Nurse Family Partnership home visiting services.

On March 10, 2021 (Action Item 21-07): The Commission approved Proposition 10 funds, not to exceed \$100,000, for performance payment incentives scorecard 1 pilot and increased the amount of the existing five Commission home visiting contracts (an increase of \$20,000 per contract), for the funding period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023.

On June 13, 2018 (Action Item 18-20): The Commission approved contract awardees from the Request for Qualification for expansion of Home Visitation services to be delivered in Riverside County. This investment awarded five community-based organizations for a three-year investment, beginning July 1, 2018, for a total investment not to exceed \$3,281,034

On December 13, 2017 (Action Item 17-21): The Commission authorized the Executive Director to approve the development and release of Request for Qualifications for a community home visitation multi-model investment. This investment expanded existing evidence-based home visitation models being administered by various organizations within Riverside County. The project period included fiscal years 2018/2019 through 2020/2021 for a three-year investment not to exceed \$2.9 million.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Commission:

1. Authorize acceptance of Riverside County's \$6,296,540 FY 2026/27 CalWORKs Home Visiting Program allocation, as awarded by the California Department of

Social Services, including \$2,000,000 in additional funding for service expansion through June 30, 2027; and

2. Authorize the Executive Director, subject to County Counsel approval as to form, to execute amendments to existing home visiting provider contracts through June 30, 2027, in an aggregate additional amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, including related modifications to budgets, scopes of work, service and enrollment targets, performance measures, and reporting requirements; and
3. Authorize the Executive Director to allocate the \$2,000,000 in additional FY 2026/27 CalWORKs Home Visiting Program funding awarded by the California Department of Social Services among existing contracted providers, using a standardized methodology that considers demonstrated service capacity, contract performance, expenditure and enrollment trends, geographic and population needs, and the ability to utilize the funding within the contract term; and
4. Approve development and release of a Request for Qualifications for home visiting services for the period July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2030, open to qualified existing and new providers and aligned with the Commission's 2027–2030 Strategic Plan, subject to the availability of funding, with recommended provider selections and contract awards returned to the Commission for approval.

BUDGET IMPACT

Adequate appropriation has been included in the proposed FY2026/2027 budget. Adequate appropriation is included in the proposed FY 2026/27 budget. No additional Proposition 10 funding is requested. (527980-25800-938001-42200)

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE

Goal Area 2 – Comprehensive Health & Development (92945)

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Commissioner Jose Campos, Director, Jurupa Unified School District
Commissioner Kimberly Saruwatari, Director, Public Health