



AGENDA ITEM: 25-26

DATE OF MEETING: July 9, 2025

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**APPROVE FUNDING STABILITY FOR HOME VISITING PROVIDER CONTRACTS
FOR FY 2024-2026
[\$1,056,842 – PROP 10 FUNDS]**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

Authorize the use of Proposition 10 funds to ensure continuity of CalWORKs Home Visiting Program services if state funding is insufficient. This includes:

- Up to \$285,000 in FY 2024/25 to supplement CalWORKs Home Visiting Program funding once the maximum reimbursable amount is 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.

Authorize 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).

This authorization designates Proposition 10 as a payor of last resort to protect provider stability and ensure uninterrupted services to children and families through the end of the Strategic Plan period (FY 2025/26). This action also authorizes staff to pilot expanded home visiting services for non-CalWORKs participants in partnership with existing contracted providers who secure matching funds (e.g., CYBHI). Proposition 10 may be used to reimburse actual unreimbursed costs resulting from these pilots, subject to reconciliation and not to exceed authorized budget ceilings.

BACKGROUND

Home visiting services are critical to promoting child development, family resilience, and preventing adverse childhood outcomes. The CalWORKs Home Visiting Initiative (HVI) supports the delivery of evidence-based home visiting programs to eligible families in Riverside County. First 5 Riverside County (F5RC) serves as the lead agency, contracting directly with qualified providers to deliver services on behalf of the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS).

CalWORKs allocations are set by the state and vary annually based on budget forecasts. Over the last three years, the CalWORKs Home Visiting allocation for Riverside County has ranged from a high of \$5,484,457 to the current allocation of \$3,480,049. This fluctuation creates uncertainty for providers who rely on these funds to serve families

consistently. As a result, Proposition 10 is proposed as a contingency source to close potential funding gaps.

Staff recommend authorizing up to \$285,000 in Proposition 10 funds to ensure continuity of CalWORKs-funded home visiting services for FY24/25 in the event that the County's state allocation is fully utilized prior to year-end. This figure reflects current expenditure trends and ensures adequate buffer for final month invoicing while maintaining alignment with actual contract utilization.

The FY 2025/26 provider contracts total \$4,251,891. With only \$3,480,049 currently allocated to Riverside County, a gap of \$771,842 is projected. Proposition 10 funds would be used to fill this gap if the state allocation does not increase. If the actual allocation confirmed in Fall 2025 is lower or higher than projected, staff will return to the Commission to adjust the contingency authorization accordingly.

The six provider agencies and their FY 2025/26 contract amounts are as follows:

| Partner Agency | Contract # | FY26 Contract Budget |
|--|------------|----------------------|
| Blindness Support Services, Inc. | CF24111 | \$ 165,000 |
| Jeung Choo Yoo MD, Inc. | CF24113 | \$ 1,388,065 |
| Family Service Association | CF24123 | \$ 522,250 |
| John F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation | CF24117 | \$ 870,416 |
| Jurupa Unified School District | CF24115 | \$ 878,708 |
| Riverside University Health System - Public Health | CF24119 | \$ 427,452 |
| Total FY25/26 Budget | | \$ 4,251,891 |

F5RC and DPSS submitted a caseload growth request to the state in June 2025, requesting an increased CalWORKs home visiting allocation aligned with provider capacity and local need. Final allocations to counties for FY25/26 will be issued in Fall 2025. Should Riverside County receive less than the anticipated \$3,480,049 in CalWORKs funds, staff will return to the Commission with a proposed revision to the Proposition 10 contribution at that time.

Concurrently, staff is conducting an internal analysis and reconciliation of FY24/25 contract utilization. Based on this review, amendments to realign contracts—reducing funding for those demonstrating underutilization and reallocating funds to existing providers with demonstrated capacity to serve additional families will be executed based on Commission approval of this recommended action. This strategic reallocation promotes fiscal responsibility and maximizes service delivery across Riverside County. By aligning investments with actual caseload trends and provider capacity, the Commission is positioned to fully leverage available CalWORKs funds and reinforce its broader strategy of fiscal stewardship, service optimization and system readiness.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Commission:

- Authorize the Executive Director to utilize Proposition 10 funds in FY 2024/25 in an amount not to exceed \$285,000 to cover any CalWORKs Home Visiting Program funding shortfall if the FY 24/25 maximum reimbursable allocation of \$3,480,049 is fully expended.
- Authorize the Executive Director to utilize Proposition 10 funds in FY 2025/26 in an amount not to exceed \$771,842 to supplement the anticipated \$3,480,049 in CalWORKs MRA, in order to fully fund the \$4,251,891 in CalWORKs home visiting provider contracts across six providers.
- Authorize the Executive Director or designee to execute amendments to CalWORKs-funded partner agency contracts, including adjustments to funding sources; increases or decreases in funding not to exceed the Commission-authorized maximum of \$4,251,891; and modifications to statements of work or reporting requirements—provided all changes remain within the original contract intent and scope of work and receive approval from County Counsel—without further Commission action.
- Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute pilot agreements with existing home visiting provider agencies to expand services to non-CalWORKs participants using external matching funds (e.g., CYBHI, Medi-Cal, FFPSA, local funds), with Proposition 10 authorized as a payor of last resort only in cases of documented reimbursement gaps, not to exceed existing home visiting initiative limits.

BUDGET IMPACT

Adequate appropriation has been included in the approved FY 25/26 budget to support funding for this initiative (527980-25800-938001-42200).

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE

Goal Area 1 - Comprehensive Health and Development (42200)

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Commission Vice Chair Jose Campos, Director – Jurupa Unified School District
Commissioner Kimberly Saruwatari, Director – RUHS Public Health

ATTACHMENTS

None