

The County of Yuba

Health and Human Services Department



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jennifer Vasquez, Director
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Health and Human Services Department

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution authorizing the Director to enter into Agreement with the State of California - Office of Traffic Safety for the Child Passenger Safety program grant

DATE: January 9, 2024

NUMBER: 647/2023

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt the Resolution of the Board:

1. Authorizing the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) Director to enter into agreement with the State of California – Office of Traffic Safety for the Child Passenger Safety Program grant for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024; and
2. Authorizing the HHSD Director to: execute, subject to review and approval of County Counsel, all documents as required by the grant; execute amendments, including but not limited to amendments for additional or lesser funding; and accept, transfer and administer the grant funds and any subsequent funds awarded.

Background:

The State of California – Office of Traffic Safety has made grant funds available to provide child passenger safety related activities to reduce the number of children killed and injured in automobile accidents. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, injuries due to motor vehicle crashes continue to be one of the leading causes of death among children in the United States.

Discussion:

Yuba County has experienced an alarming trend in traffic crashes, as reported in the Transportation Injury Mapping System (TIMS) using the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS) data. Provisional data from 2022 indicates there were 407 injury crashes with 523 injuries and 11 fatalities in

Yuba County. This includes 17 crashes in which twenty-two (22) children aged nine (9) years and under were injured. In 2021, there were a total of 431 injury crashes in Yuba County with 569 injuries and 28 fatalities, which includes 17 injury crashes where 16 children nine (9) years of age and under were injured.

These trends underscore the need for further car seat safety education and activities in Yuba County. To help address these concerns, Yuba County HHSD applied for and was awarded \$95,964 in grant funds. These funds will be used to provide child safety seat education classes, distribute child safety seats, conduct child safety seat check-ups, and to participate in traffic safety fairs or other community events. In order to carry out the functions of the Agreement, discussions have commenced with an internal County partner, First Five Yuba, to administer the day-to-day activities of the program.

Last year, HHSD conducted 3 child safety seat checkup events at various locations in Yuba County and 84 one-on-one child safety seat checkup appointments, resulting in a total of 114 car seats distributed to families. Additionally, educational information was provided at 4 community outreach events and 5 educational classes were provided to parents throughout the year. The utilization of funds from the Office of Traffic Safety grant supports the County's Strategic Plan to promote Safety and connection to Social Services.

Committee Action:

The Human Services Committee was by-passed due to the routine nature of this request.

Fiscal Impact:

Budget

- Board Approved FY 2023-24 Budget Appropriations

Total Projected Cost

- \$95,965

Source of Funds

- Non-General Fund: \$95,965 Federal Funding
 - Federal Highway Safety Grant Funds through the State of California – Office of Traffic Safety for the Child Passenger Safety Program

Attachments:

647-2023 Resolution for Office of Traffic Safety - Child Passenger Safety Program grant