

June 15, 2007

STAFF REPORT

MEMO TO: SUTTER COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION
FROM: DEB COULTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM FUNDING FY 2007-2011

BACKGROUND: The Commission approved the reapplication developed by School Readiness administrator Mary Ann Hedrick for First 5 CA School Readiness Cycle 2 funding at the January 2007 commission meeting. The application was approved by the state April 30, 2007. The School Readiness program meets the Sutter County Children & Families Commission Strategic Plan 07-10 Objective (Improved Child Development Objective A page 12) of increasing the number of children that have access to quality early education programs.

CURRENT PROPOSAL: The application as approved by First 5 CA continues the King Avenue, Park Avenue and Bridge Street School School Readiness programs. Cycle 2 funding levels are \$100,000 per year for four years and require a Commission match of 1:1. The application for coordination funds in the amount of \$25,000 per year was also approved; the coordination funds do not require a Commission match. The coordination funds are designated to be used for Child Care Aides salaries. The Sutter County Commission commitment in the proposed budget is a total of \$815,460.00 for FY 2007-2011.

IMPACT ON COMMISSION RESOURCES: Total of \$815,460.00 for FY 2007-2011

- FY 2007/2008 \$184,053.00
- FY 2008/2009 \$199,146.00
- FY 2009/2010 \$210,496.00
- FY 2010/2011 \$221,765.00

RECOMMENDATION: The executive director recommends approval of the School Readiness Program for FY 2007-2011 with a total Commission commitment for the Programs four year funding cycle of \$815,460.00 (amounts for each fiscal year as listed above). The Program agreement for FY2007/2008 is attached; the agreement will be reviewed and renewed on an annual basis.

POLICY ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of executive director's recommendation.

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