

December 2, 2008

STAFF REPORT

MEMO TO: SUTTER COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION

FROM: DEB COULTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF COMMITMENT TO FUND COMMISSION PROGRAMS – BRIGHT FUTURES, BEAU’S BACKPACKS, MINI GRANTS, COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROJECTS THROUGH FY 2010/2011

BACKGROUND: Commission office run programs Bright Futures, Beau’s Backpacks, Community and Childcare Mini grants and Community Education and Outreach projects are essential pieces of the services offered to children and families in Sutter County in accordance with the Strategic Plan.

- Bright Futures has a history of positive evaluations. Bright Futures serves as a gateway to commission and other community services for many families. Screening stations represent services available from grantee partners, schools and community groups.
- Beau’s Backpacks continue to provide families with early literacy activities and materials. At backpack presentation meetings school readiness specialists have an opportunity to sit down with parents and teach them about activities that they can use to help ready their children for kindergarten.
- Community and Childcare provider mini grants. Funds distributed through the mini grant RFP process have provided opportunities for Community organizations to fund activities and events and have helped childcare providers enhance school readiness and early literacy activities for the children in their care.
- Community Education and Outreach Projects. Events funded through these programs include Toolbox for Tots television program, Lessons Learned, Beau’s Buddies, Smart Moves workshops, the Amazing Developing Brain workshop, the Lunch Box workshop in addition to a large compliment of public informational campaigns.

CURRENT PROPOSAL: It is prudent at this time to formally commit funding for Commission office run programs through 2010/2011. Independent evaluation of programs, mid year and annual reports to the Commission will continue, as will annual approval of budget, scope of work or specific RFP releases.

Program	Committed Amounts		
	FY 2008/2009	FY 2009/2010	FY 2010/2011
Bright Futures	\$65,525.00	\$65,525.00	\$65,525.00
Beau's Backpacks	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Mini Grant RFPs	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
Community Education and Outreach	\$51,992.00	\$51,992.00	\$51,992.00
TOTAL	\$252,517.00	\$252,517.00	\$252,517.00

RECOMMENDATION: It is the recommendation of the Executive Director that the Commission commit funding for the continuation of Commission office run programs through 2010/2011.

IMPACT ON COMMISSION RESOURCES: Approval of recommendation formally allocates the funding for Commission run programs through FY 2010/2011.

POLICY ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of this request.

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