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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: JoAnn Melgar for Howard Himes - Director
Health & Human Services Administration
REPORT BY: JoAnn Melgar, Staff Services Analyst II - 707-253-4722
SUBJECT: Agreement with Binti, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with Binti, Inc. for an annual maximum of \$6,600 for the term September 12, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and \$8,400 for each subsequent 12-month term to provide software and technical support for the Resource Family Approval program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Resource Family Approval (RFA) mandate went into effect January 1, 2017, changing the infrastructure of foster care and how caregivers are screened, trained and certified. In order to meet new requirements, there is a need for a RFA-specific database to manage information collection to ensure that foster parents have met all legal requirements for background checks, home safety checks and training requirements before any foster child is placed in their homes.

When RFA regulations were introduced, the State selected four counties to pilot different methods of tracking RFA homes. One of the pilot projects was in San Francisco County, which used the software platform developed by Binti, Inc. It was the most successful pilot and the State is working with Binti, Inc. to roll out a Statewide database.

Approval of the contract will allow the contractor to provide database system for tracking of RFA activities. Binti, Inc. is not a local vendor.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes

Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Health & Human Services Child Welfare Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	This agreement is discretionary in that there is no mandate to contract with Binti to manage a database with foster care licensing information. However, use of this provider will assist the Child Welfare Services (CWS) division to be in compliance with the new Resource Family Approval (RFA) requirements.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	The annual maximum is \$6,600 for the term September 12, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and will increase to \$8,400 for each subsequent 12-month term. Appropriations will be budgeted accordingly.
Consequences if not approved:	If this contract is not approved, the CWS division will not be able to take advantage of this database to manage foster care licensing requirements.
Additional Information:	

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Resource Family Approval (RFA) mandate went into effect January 1, 2017 changing the infrastructure of foster care and how caregivers are screened, trained and certified. The new RFA program requires specialized tracking of foster parent licensing. Incorrect tracking could result in loss of county dollars and could open Napa County to liability if homes are not accurately approved. In order to meet new requirements, there is a need for a RFA-specific database to manage information collection to ensure that foster parents have met all legal requirements for background checks, home safety checks and training requirements before any foster child is placed in their homes.

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Binti, Inc. has developed a Software-as-a-Service platform ("Platform") that allows users to apply online to become approved as RFA homes and allows social workers to manage their approval workflow and track mandated requirements. This database will manage foster care licensing requirements and greatly assist County Child Welfare Services staff in meeting the RFA requirements.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Bret Prebula