



**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A 2021 EARLY
RELATIONAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION
TO FIRST 5 OF SONOMA COUNTY**

City Council Meeting
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BACKGROUND

- Proposition 10, the California Children and Families Act provides funding for the Early Relational Health Grant Program
- Administered through First 5 of Sonoma County
- Aimed at diverting at risk young parents and children 0 – 3 years with needed services.
- Grant funds may also be used to prevent further involvement for those youth who have already experienced initial contact with the juvenile justice system

EARLY RELATIONAL HEALTH APPLICATION OVERVIEW

- Grant period of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2025 with \$3,500,000 available
- \$708,810 application submission for four (4) years
- 10% match requirement, which may be met through cash or in-kind

GUIDING PEOPLE SUCCESSFULLY (GPS)

- Multi-Disciplinary Assessment & Referral Team (MDART)
- Intakes referrals for underserved and at-risk residents and utilizes evidence informed practices to directly connect them to in-kind, trauma informed wraparound services.
- First 5 funding will serve to intentionally expand the existing GPS target populations and services to include pregnant and/or parenting participants with children ages 0-3, who possess two or more risk factors, such as, but not limited to: residing in high-need areas, low-income, justice-involved, pregnant and/or parenting minors.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Community Engagement Office, that the Council, by resolution, authorize 1) the submission of the Early Relational Health Grant proposal to First 5 of Sonoma County in the amount of \$708,810 for the award period of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2025, to support the Violence Prevention Partnership's Guiding People Successfully Program; 2) the City Manager or his designee to file any necessary applications, execute any contracts and/or related documents subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney; and 3) local match under the grant agreement in the form of in-kind contributions.

QUESTIONS?