



Memo

To: Commissioners, First 5 Ventura County

From: Petra Puls, Director of Program and Evaluation

Date: May 21, 2015

Re: Recommendation to approve revised FY 2015-16 funding allocation for Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) for Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)

Background

In December of each year, the Commission approves funding allocations for the next fiscal year in order to provide funded partners with sufficient notice of any change in funding levels. The allocation for Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), administered by the Ventura County Office of Education, provides operating funds for 88 preschool spaces and supports rating and quality improvement efforts of early education programs by blending local First 5, First 5 California Child Signature Program (CSP) and CARES Plus, and federal Race to the Top (RTT) Early Learning Challenge grant funding streams.

The QRIS allocation of \$1,100,166 approved by the Commission in December 2014 contemplated a one year extension of all First 5 California Child Signature program components at a 50% reduction. Since that time, First 5 California has provided actual funding levels. First 5 Ventura County is eligible to receive up to 50% of CSP 1 program funding; First 5 California is not extending funding for CSP 1 Coordination or CSP 2. As a result, the allocation available to support QRIS efforts is lower than the allocation approved in December 2014.

Recommendation

The recommended action would approve a revised FY 2015-16 allocation for the Ventura County Office of Education for implementing the QRIS Program and authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the Ventura County Office of Education, from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$973,144. No new allocation of funds would be required.