



Memo

To: Commissioners, First 5 Ventura County

From: Claudia Harrison, Executive Director

Date: August 15, 2013

Re: Recommendation to Approve Revised FY 2013-14 Allocation Amount for the Santa Clara Valley Neighborhood for Learning (SCV NfL)

Background

In FY 2011-12, the Commission updated the data used to determine NfL allocations. The NfL allocation formula is based on both population and need, with need determined by poverty, use of the free and reduced lunch program, and level of proficiency on California Standards Tests. Updated data resulted in proportional shifts in allocations among NfLs, with four of the 11 NfLs demonstrating the need for additional funding.

In July 2012, the Commission approved increased allocations for three of the four NfLs: Conejo, Hueneme and Rio. The allocation for the fourth NfL, Santa Clara Valley, was not increased pending a determination of their capacity to fully utilize their existing allocation.

The Santa Clara Valley NfL had utilized 84% of their allocation in FY 2010-11, increasing to 91% in FY 2011-12. Based on expenditures through the third quarter, total forecasted expenditures for FY 2012-13 are anticipated to be close to 95%.

Staff has been working with the NfL to determine how additional funding would be used to support higher needs in the Santa Clara Valley. The additional allocation for SCV NfL per the updated formula is \$45,225.

Recommendation

The recommended action would increase the FY 2013-14 allocation amount for the Santa Clara Valley NfL by \$45,225 to support programming that addresses higher levels of need. The action would also authorize the Executive Director to enter into an amended FY 2013-14 contract with the Fillmore Unified School District for a total amount up to \$599,540.00.