



Memo

To: Commissioners, First 5 Ventura County

From: Petra Puls, Acting Executive Director

Date: January 19, 2017

Re: Recommendation to approve revised FY 2017-19 funding allocation for Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) for the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) Program

Background

In December 2015, the Commission approved an annual allocation of \$352,088 in local funds for FY 2016-19 to support Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) efforts and the recommendation to contract with the Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE), the Commission's QRIS implementation partner. In March 2016, the Commission subsequently approved a revised allocation of \$793,140 for FY 2016-17 for VCOE in anticipation of First 5 California's approval of the county's First 5 California IMPACT application.

Since then, First 5 Ventura County (F5VC) received approval and is eligible for up to \$2,748,785 in First 5 California IMPACT funds through Fiscal Year 2019-20. F5VC is required to provide local matching funds and serve a minimum of 111 sites through IMPACT, including programs for infants and/or toddlers (ages 0 to 3), and family child care homes.

Building on state and local QRIS investments, First 5 IMPACT works in cooperation with other quality improvement efforts and investments (e.g. California State Preschool Block Grant) to support the implementation of the CA-QRIS Framework. These additional resources enabled Ventura County to expand QRIS efforts to private and faith-based providers. Participating QRIS sites are eligible for quality improvement incentives, and have access to a broad range of training and technical assistance geared towards reaching higher levels of quality.

Recommendation

The recommended action would approve a revised FY 2017-19 annual allocation of \$793,140 for the Ventura County Office of Education for implementing the QRIS Program from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,586,280. No new allocation of funds would be required as the increase is supported by funding from First 5 California.