



**To:** Commissioners, First 5 Ventura County

**From:** Sam McCoy, Director of Programs and Evaluation

**Date:** March 21, 2019

**Re: Recommendation to Grant Authority to the Executive Director to Enter into a Contract with Persimmony for a Program Management and Evaluation Software System**

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**Background**

In December 2013, the Commission approved a recommendation to select Persimmony International Inc. as the vendor for First 5 Ventura County's program management and evaluation software system, as part of a Southern California multi-county collaborative.

Persimmony is a database system that is used to collect, organize and store data on First 5 Ventura County funded partner participants, services, outcomes and expenditures. Persimmony continues to meet our needs as a database and provides ongoing technical assistance and support.

The contract with Persimmony International, Inc. is renewed on an annual basis and continues to include a discount for multiple Southern California county commissions utilizing the system.

**Recommendation**

The recommended action would grant authority to the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Persimmony International, Inc. for FY 2019-20 for an amount not to exceed \$85,000, for the Commission's program management and evaluation software system.