

# FIRST 5 FRESNO COUNTY

ADMINISTERED BY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION OF FRESNO COUNTY

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Lighthouse for Children

2405 Tulare Street

**TIME:** 12:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting

Fresno, CA 93721

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## AGENDA

| ITEM                                 | SUBJECT   | PRESENTER                              |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1.                                   | <b>CALL TO ORDER</b>  | Chair Chavez                           |
| 2.                                   | <b>POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST</b><br>Any Commission Member who has potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse themselves from discussing and voting on the matter.  | Chair Chavez                           |
| 3.                                   | <b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b><br>This portion of the agenda is reserved for members of the public desiring to address the Commission on any matter not on this agenda. Limit two minutes per speaker.   | Chair Chavez                           |
| 4.<br><b>Action</b><br>Pg. 1         | <b>CONSENT AGENDA – ITEMS 4a-4b</b><br>See attached Consent Agenda.<br><b>Overview:</b> These matters are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Prior to action by the Commission, the public will be given the opportunity to comment on any Consent Item.  | Chair Chavez<br>F. González, E.D.      |
| 5.<br><b>Public Hearing</b><br>Pg. 7 | <b>PUBLIC HEARING – FIRST 5 CALIFORNIA STATE COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025</b><br>Supporting Document<br>This report can be viewed at:<br><a href="https://www.cfcf.ca.gov/pdf/about/budget_perf/annual_report_pdfs/F5CA_AnnualReport_2025_D6.pdf">https://www.cfcf.ca.gov/pdf/about/budget_perf/annual_report_pdfs/F5CA_AnnualReport_2025_D6.pdf</a><br>Interested parties may also review a copy at the Commission office located at:<br>2405 Tulare St., Suite 200, Fresno, CA 93721. Phone: (559) 558-4900 | Chair Chavez<br>F. González, E.D.      |
| 6.<br><b>Action</b><br>Pg. 8         | <b>FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 2025</b><br>Supporting Documents   | F. González, E.D.<br>A. Hillis, Staff  |
| 7.<br><b>Action</b><br>Pg. 15        | <b>ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM WESTED FOR THE BEELS INITIATIVE AND SUBCONTRACT WITH REINKING EDUCATION CONSULTING, LLC</b>   | F. González, E.D.<br>L. Salcedo, Staff |
| 8.<br><b>Action</b><br>Pg. 18        | <b>AGREEMENT RENEWAL WITH FRESNO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH – HOME VISITING</b>   | F. González, E.D.<br>H. Norman, Staff  |
| 9.<br>Information<br>Pg. 21          | <b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b>  | F. González, E.D.                      |
| 10.<br>Information                   | <b>ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATION SHARING</b>  | Chair Chavez                           |
| 11.                                  | <b>ADJOURNMENT</b>  | Chair Chavez                           |
| <b>NOTE:</b>                         | <b>NEXT REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 29, 2026</b>  | 2405 Tulare St.<br>Fresno, CA 93721    |

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## CONSENT AGENDA

(Any Commissioner may pull any Consent Item for discussion or separate vote.)

| ITEM                                 | SUBJECT  | PRESENTER                              |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>4a.</b><br><b>Action</b><br>Pg. 2 | <b>JANUARY 28, 2026 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES</b>   | F. González, E.D.                      |
| <b>4b.</b><br><b>Action</b><br>Pg. 5 | <b>AGREEMENT WITH TIDES CENTER FOR THE ABRIENDO PUERTAS/<br/>OPENING DOORS TRAINING FOR IMPACT HUB REGIONAL PARTNERS</b> | F. González, E.D.<br>L. Salcedo, Staff |

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**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

March 11, 2026 - 12:30 p.m.

2405 Tulare Street  
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**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 4a**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve the January 28, 2026, Commission Meeting Minutes.

**ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES**

**January 28, 2026 – 12:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Luis Chavez, Sabrina Beavers, Susan Holt, Erika Martinez, Hugo Morales, Marcia Sablan

**ABSENT:** Kari Gilbert

**STAFF:** Fabiola González, Ashley Hensley, Alix Hillis, Hannah Norman, Lupita Ramirez, Karen Rangel, Liliana Salcedo, Navdeep Singh, Alex Treas, Craig Armstrong (Legal Counsel)

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 12:30 p.m.**

**2. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None heard.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None heard.

**4. ELECTION OF COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

The Commission voted for the Officer positions as follows:

**Chair:** Supervisor Chavez

**Vice-Chair:** Commissioner Holt

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Commissioner Morales

Motion by: Chavez          Second by: Sablan

Ayes: Chavez, Beavers, Holt, Martinez, Morales, Sablan

Noes: None heard.

Public Comment: None heard.

**5. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS**

The Commission voted for the Committee Membership as follows:

| Administrative Committee  |
|---|
| <b>Committee Chair:</b> Commission Chair Chavez<br><b>Committee Member:</b> Commissioner Beavers<br><b>Committee Member:</b> Commissioner Sablan<br><b>Designated Alternate:</b> Commissioner Gilbert |

Motion by: Sablan            Second by: Morales  
Ayes: Chavez, Beavers, Holt, Martinez, Morales, Sablan  
Noes: None heard.

| Finance and Program Review Committee  |
|---|
| <b>Committee Chair:</b> Commissioner Holt<br><b>Committee Member:</b> Commissioner Martinez<br><b>Committee Member:</b> Commissioner Morales<br><b>Designated Alternate:</b> Commissioner Gilbert |

Motion by: Chavez            Second by: Beavers  
Ayes: Chavez, Beavers, Holt, Martinez, Morales, Sablan  
Noes: None heard.

Public Comment: None heard.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA – ITEM 6a – 6c**

The Commission approved the Consent Agenda.

Public Comment: None heard.

Motion by: Sablan            Second by: Morales  
Ayes: Chavez, Beavers, Holt, Martinez, Morales, Sablan  
Noes: None heard.

**7. 2025 – 2026 PROPOSED REVISED AGENCY BUDGET**

The Commission approved the First 5 Fresno County (F5FC) 2025-2026 Proposed Revised Budget.

Public Comment: None heard.

Motion by: Holt            Second by: Chavez  
Ayes: Chavez, Beavers, Holt, Martinez, Morales, Sablan  
Noes: None heard.

**8. 2026 PUBLIC AGENCY UPDATES**

Public Comment: None heard.

No action required.

**9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Public Comment: None heard.

No action required.

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATION SHARING**

Chair Chavez shared about his participation in the County's annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count. The PIT Count is an annual U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) mandated census of people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January.

Commissioner Beavers announced that she is leaving her role at the Fresno County Department of Public Health as she has accepted a role with the California Department of Public Health Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Division - Perinatal Equity Initiative

Commissioner Holt shared that the Department of Behavioral Health is hosting a series of Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Community Planning Meetings with different partners and invites community members to join in and to share input, learn more about behavioral health services and help shape the community's priorities.

**11. ADJOURNMENT: 1:13 p.m.**

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**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 4b**

TO: Children & Families Commission of Fresno County

FROM: Fabiola González, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Agreement with Tides Center for the Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors Training for IMPACT Hub Region 5 Partners

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve, an agreement with Tides Center for the Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors (AP-OD) Program Acquisition Institute for IMPACT Hub Region 5 Partners to be trained on the AP-OD evidence-based curriculum, in an amount not to exceed \$67,470.

**BACKGROUND:**

On March 3, 2026, the Commission’s Finance and Program Review Committee reviewed and approved this item for full Commission consideration.

In 2015, First 5 California (F5CA) launched the *Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive* (IMPACT) project as an innovative approach that forges partnerships between F5CA and counties to increase the number of high-quality early learning (e.g. child care) settings across the state. Since 2016, First 5 Fresno County acts as the Fiscal Lead Agency for the Region 5 IMPACT Hub composed of First 5 Commissions and County Offices of Education in Merced, Mariposa, Madera, Kern, Kings, Tulare, and Fresno counties.

The purpose of the Region 5 IMPACT Hub is to strengthen the early learning and care system to support young children and their families across the region. As the Fiscal Lead Agency, First 5 Fresno County is charged with managing all the fiscal operations and administrative components of the Region 5 Hub, and to provide access to high-quality training and professional development that align with the Quality Counts California (QCC) framework.

One of Region 5 Hub’s Priority Areas for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 is centered around culturally responsive family engagement - building provider capacity (e.g. early learning teachers and staff) to authentically engage parents and families. Based on feedback from Region 5 Hub partner counties, it is staff’s recommendation to execute an agreement with Tides Center, AP-OD’s fiscal sponsor, to provide a multi-session training to early learning educators and professionals who work directly with families and parents. The AP-OD curriculum is an evidence-based parent leadership program designed by and for parents with children ages 0-5. The mission of AP-OD is to support parents as leaders of their families and as their child’s first and most influential teacher in a home that is their child’s first school. Participants of this training will be prepared to work with parents to promote school readiness, family well-being, and advocacy by addressing best practices in brain development, key

aspects of early childhood development (cognitive, language, physical, and social/emotional), early literacy, good health, early math, positive use of technology, transition to kindergarten, and parent leadership.

AP-OD's proposal includes two trainers who will train approximately 30 Region 5 Hub partners in a 3-day, in-person interactive training. The training will feature the newest 4th Edition AP-OD curriculum which integrates updated research, data, and additional resources based on feedback from families and facilitators. The training will be facilitated in English, but participants will receive curriculum materials in both English and Spanish.

**Procurement:** The Commission's procurement policy allows the Commission to select a vendor via sole source if, among other things, the vendor's capabilities and experiences are so unique that no other vendor may comparably meet the Commission's needs. The AP-OD curriculum (Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors) ties directly to the Region 5 Hub's family engagement priority area and AP-OD is the sole creator of the AP-OD evidence-based curriculum, the only entity who can deliver this specific training to the Region 5 Hub.

**Alignment with 2025-2030 Strategic Plan:** The proposed agreement with Tides Center aligns with the Early Learning focus area of the Commission's Strategic Plan with the goal to increase our community's capacity to provide quality, accessible, and inclusive early learning and care opportunities for every child and family, across rural and urban neighborhoods.

**Short-term goal(s) and long-term outcomes:** If approved, this training will allow 30 early learning professionals from the Region 5 Hub to participate in a 3-day training and learn how to provide the AP-OD curriculum directly to parents and families with children ages 0-5. The long-term intended outcome is to build the capacity of early learning professionals across the region to authentically engage the parents and families that they work with.

**Fiscal Impact:** F5CA IMPACT Hub funding covers the entirety of the proposed agreement, and no local Proposition 10 revenues would be utilized.

### **CONCLUSION:**

The Region 5 IMPACT Hub is committed to increasing capacity of early childhood professionals in the Central Valley. This training focused on family engagement will help meet the Region 5 Hub's agreed upon deliverables. If approved, staff will move forward with the Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors agreement with Tides Center.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

TO: Children & Families Commission of Fresno County

FROM: Fabiola González, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Public Hearing - First 5 California State Commission Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

**BACKGROUND:**

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 130140(d)(3), the Commission is required to conduct a public hearing on First 5 California Annual Report.

The First 5 California 2024-2025 Annual Report highlights the accomplishments and collaborative efforts at both the state and local levels. Due to file size, the Report can be accessed at the following link, in lieu of the document being attached to the meeting packet:

[https://www.cafc.ca.gov/pdf/about/budget\\_perf/annual\\_report\\_pdfs/F5CA\\_AnnualReport\\_2025\\_D6.pdf](https://www.cafc.ca.gov/pdf/about/budget_perf/annual_report_pdfs/F5CA_AnnualReport_2025_D6.pdf)

A copy of First 5 California's 2024-2025 Annual Report will also be available during the meeting.

No action is required on this item.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

TO: Children & Families Commission of Fresno County

FROM: Fabiola González, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Financial Report for Period Ending December 2025

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Accept the financial report for period ending December 31, 2025.

**BACKGROUND:**

This item is intended to keep the Commission apprised of financial activity as of December 31, 2025 (50% of the fiscal year) and to provide an opportunity to discuss and review financial activities for the reporting period.

**KEY POINTS:**

The following are key points of the attached financials for context.

- A. Revenues: \$4,063,624 (42% received)
- Proposition 10 Revenue: \$2,685,878 (43% received) - First 5 California has reported Proposition 10 revenue through December 2025 and Quarter 1 of CECET Revenue has been received.
  - Investment Earnings (Unrealized Gains/Losses): \$285,722 (106% received) -Year to date, the Fund has experienced gains on the investment portfolio; more than anticipated for the second quarter of the fiscal year.
  - Other Revenue: \$282,650 (95% Received) - Higher than anticipated largely attributed to the sale of the Huron property, generating \$210,500 of the total reported.
- B. FY25-26 Strategic Plan Program Awards: \$3,856,457 (43% of budget committed/assigned)
- Development of procurement, contracts, and awards are on target and within budget constraints. Further procurements and contracts to award under these areas will be brought to the Commission in forthcoming months.
- C. Externally Funded Programs: \$2,663,220 (100% of budget committed) - These dollars represent contracts from external funding sources. Contracts for the First 5 California IMPACT Hub are fully executed.

- D. Accountability and Evaluation: \$475,000 (100% of budget committed) – Contracts for the evaluation contractor and the program database have been fully awarded for the fiscal year. The remaining amount is for future database-related procurements which will be awarded in future Commission meetings.
- E. Operating Expenses: \$764,895 (39% of budget expended) – Expenses are on track for the year and within budget limits.
- Worker’s Compensation Expense: \$569 (14% of budget expended) – Premiums are due in full in May.
  - Dues & Subscriptions Expense: \$1,330 (2% of budget expended) – Dues to the First 5 Association, the main portion of the expense line, has not yet been paid this fiscal year.
  - General & Administrative: \$1,257 (3% of budget expended) – Operating and maintenance expenses decreased as a result of the Huron property sale.
  - Local Travel Expense – Local Mileage: \$239 (6% of budget expended) – Mileage reimbursement for quarter 2 is reimbursed at the start of quarter 3.
  - Staff Training & Conference Expense: \$3,336 (16% of budget expended) – Staff is making use of attending conferences and trainings virtually and travel, overall, is low due to the business of the Commission this fiscal year.
- F. Continuing Service Provider Expenses: \$975,515 (23% expended)
- These funds represent the payments made to active contracts the Commission committed from previous budget- in prior fiscal years, for multi-year contracts. Expenses for quarter two of the fiscal year are reported in January. Further expenditures will show in subsequent periods.

Attached are the Financial Report detailing what was summarized above, the Financial Charts included to show the make-up of the Commission’s assets and Fund Balance, and the month to month and historical comparisons of Proposition 10 revenue received through the previous fiscal year.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Overall, expenses are within budget constraints for fiscal year 2025-2026.

**FIRST 5 FRESNO COUNTY  
FINANCIAL REPORT | DECEMBER 2025 (50%)**

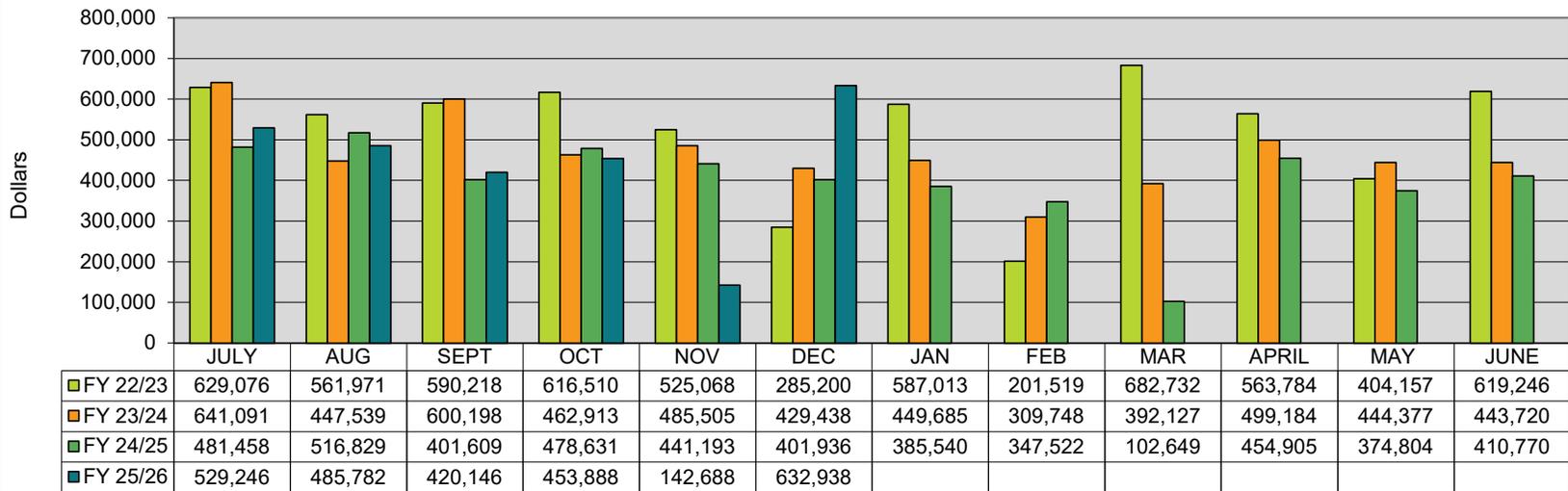
|  | <u>Budget</u>         | <u>Actual/Awarded</u> | <u>Variance</u>        |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
|  | 07/01/2025-06/30/2026 | 07/01/2025-12/31/2025 | Budget Target<br>(50%) |
| <b>Revenues</b>  |                       |                       |                        |
| Proposition 10 Revenue   | \$6,240,728           | \$2,685,878           | 43%                    |
| External Revenue   |                       |                       |                        |
| <i>First 5 CA IMPACT Regional Hub Program</i>                    | \$2,641,620           | \$804,859             | 30%                    |
| Other Revenue  | \$298,221             | \$282,650             | 95%                    |
| Interest Revenue - County Treasury                               | \$205,375             | \$4,516               | 2%                     |
| Investment Earnings (Unrealized Gains/Losses)                    | \$270,690             | \$285,722             | 106%                   |
| <b>Revenues Total</b>  | <b>\$9,656,634</b>    | <b>\$4,063,624</b>    | <b>42%</b>             |
| <b>FY2025-2026 Strategic Plan Investment Area Awards</b>         |                       |                       |                        |
| <b>Strategic Plan Program Awards</b>                             |                       |                       |                        |
| <b>Maternal, Child and Family Health</b>                         |                       |                       |                        |
| Patient-Centered Prenatal Care                                   | \$212,691             | \$127,334             | 60%                    |
| African American Infant Mortality Prevention                     | \$1,450,325           | \$45,000              | 3%                     |
| Home Visitation  | \$1,500,000           | \$0                   | 0%                     |
| <b>Thriving Families</b>   |                       |                       |                        |
| Thriving Families Service Programs                               | \$3,237,575           | \$3,000,000           | 93%                    |
| LFC Community Learning Center                                    | \$421,360             | \$433,123             | 103%                   |
| <b>Early Learning</b>  |                       |                       |                        |
| QRIS - Child Care Workforce Quality Training & Technical Assist. | \$1,415,000           | \$241,000             | 17%                    |
| <b>Systems-Building</b>  |                       |                       |                        |
| Help Me Grow Fresno County & Central Valley                      | \$250,000             | \$0                   | 0%                     |
| Innovation & Learning Partnerships                               | \$215,000             | \$10,000              | 5%                     |
| Commission Communications & Community Engagement                 | \$228,300             | \$87,000              | 38%                    |
| <b>Strategic Plan Program Awards Total</b>                       | <b>\$8,930,251</b>    | <b>\$3,856,457</b>    | <b>43%</b>             |
| <b>Externally Funded Programs</b>                                |                       |                       |                        |
| First 5 CA IMPACT - Regional Fiscal Agent                        | \$21,600              | \$21,600              | 100%                   |
| First 5 CA IMPACT - Regional Hub Program                         | \$2,641,620           | \$2,641,620           | 100%                   |
| <b>Externally Funded Programs Total</b>                          | <b>\$2,663,220</b>    | <b>\$2,663,220</b>    | <b>100%</b>            |
| <b>Accountability and Evaluation</b>                             |                       |                       |                        |
| <b>Accountability and Evaluation Total</b>                       | <b>\$475,000</b>      | <b>\$475,000</b>      | <b>100%</b>            |
| <b>Strategic Plan Investment Areas Grand Total</b>               | <b>\$12,068,471</b>   | <b>\$6,994,677</b>    | <b>58%</b>             |

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FINANCIAL REPORT | DECEMBER 2025 (50%)**

|  | <u>Budget</u>         | <u>Expense</u>        | <u>Variance</u>     |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
|  | 07/01/2025-06/30/2026 | 07/01/2025-12/31/2025 | Budget Target (50%) |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>  |                       |                       |                     |
| <b>Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>                                   |                       |                       |                     |
| Salary Expense   | \$771,495             | \$317,148             | 41%                 |
| Payroll Tax Expense  | \$73,565              | \$24,641              | 33%                 |
| Retirement Expense   | \$67,429              | \$26,768              | 40%                 |
| Employee Benefits Expense  | \$276,492             | \$84,625              | 31%                 |
| Worker's Compensation Expense                                    | \$4,086               | \$569                 | 14%                 |
| <b>Salaries &amp; Benefits Expenses Total</b>                    | <b>\$1,193,067</b>    | <b>\$453,751</b>      | <b>38%</b>          |
| <b>Services &amp; Supplies</b>                                   |                       |                       |                     |
| Audit Expense  | \$30,000              | \$24,878              | 83%                 |
| Capital & Equipment Expense                                      | \$15,000              | \$4,912               | 33%                 |
| Commissioner/Advisory Expense                                    | \$3,000               | \$1,183               | 39%                 |
| Dues & Subscriptions Expense                                     | \$72,187              | \$1,330               | 2%                  |
| Equipment Rental/Maintenance Expense                             | \$70,858              | \$12,915              | 18%                 |
| General & Administrative Expense                                 | \$40,000              | \$1,257               | 3%                  |
| Insurance Expense  | \$209,807             | \$169,456             | 81%                 |
| Local Travel Expense - Local Mileage                             | \$4,000               | \$239                 | 6%                  |
| Materials & Supplies Expense                                     | \$10,000              | \$4,715               | 47%                 |
| Overhead Expense   | \$175,000             | \$45,690              | 26%                 |
| Professional Services Expense                                    | \$81,672              | \$30,772              | 38%                 |
| Program Development/Strategic Planning Expense                   | \$15,000              | \$4,856               | 32%                 |
| Staff Training & Conference Expense                              | \$21,000              | \$3,336               | 16%                 |
| Telephone Expense  | \$19,172              | \$5,603               | 29%                 |
| <b>Services &amp; Supplies Expenses Total</b>                    | <b>\$766,696</b>      | <b>\$311,144</b>      | <b>41%</b>          |
| <b>Operating Expenses Total</b>                                  | <b>\$1,959,763</b>    | <b>\$764,895</b>      | <b>39%</b>          |
| <b>Program Budget Awards &amp; Operating Expenses Total</b>      | <b>\$14,028,234</b>   | <b>\$7,759,572</b>    | <b>55%</b>          |
| <b>Continuing Contract Expenses - Awarded from Prior Budgets</b> |                       |                       |                     |
| Help Me Grow- Previously Awarded                                 | \$513,250             | \$43,328              | 8%                  |
| Thriving Families Service Programs- Previously Awarded           | \$3,152,544           | \$639,318             | 20%                 |
| African American Infant Mortality Prevention- Previously Awarded | \$435,000             | \$110,675             | 25%                 |
| Patient Centered Prenatal Care- Previously Awarded               | \$144,046             | \$11,466              | 8%                  |
| QRIS - Local High Quality Training- Previously Awarded           | \$1,052,500           | \$170,728             | 16%                 |
| <b>Continuing Service Provider Expenses Total</b>                | <b>\$4,244,840</b>    | <b>\$975,515</b>      | <b>23%</b>          |
| <b>Contingency - Committed</b>                                   |                       |                       |                     |
| Operations Contingency Fund                                      | \$1,500,000           | \$1,500,000           | 100%                |
| Strategic Reserve Fund   | \$2,000,000           | \$2,000,000           | 100%                |

**FIRST 5 FRESNO COUNTY  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
DECEMBER 2025**

**MONTHLY PROPOSITION 10 REVENUE COMPARISON**



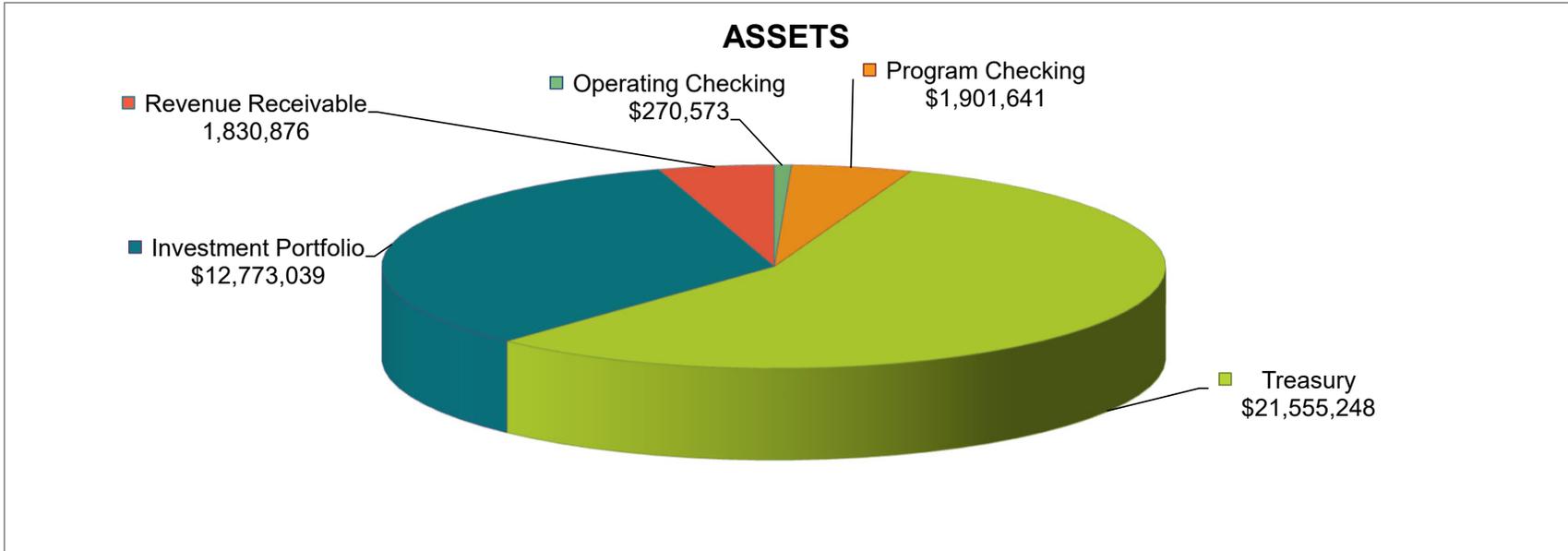
SMIF: Surplus Money Investment Fund (SMIF) apportionment provides interest earnings that are apportioned quarterly to First 5s.

Prop 56: Passage of Prop 56 created more taxes on tobacco and a portion of the tax was designated to backfill Prop 10.

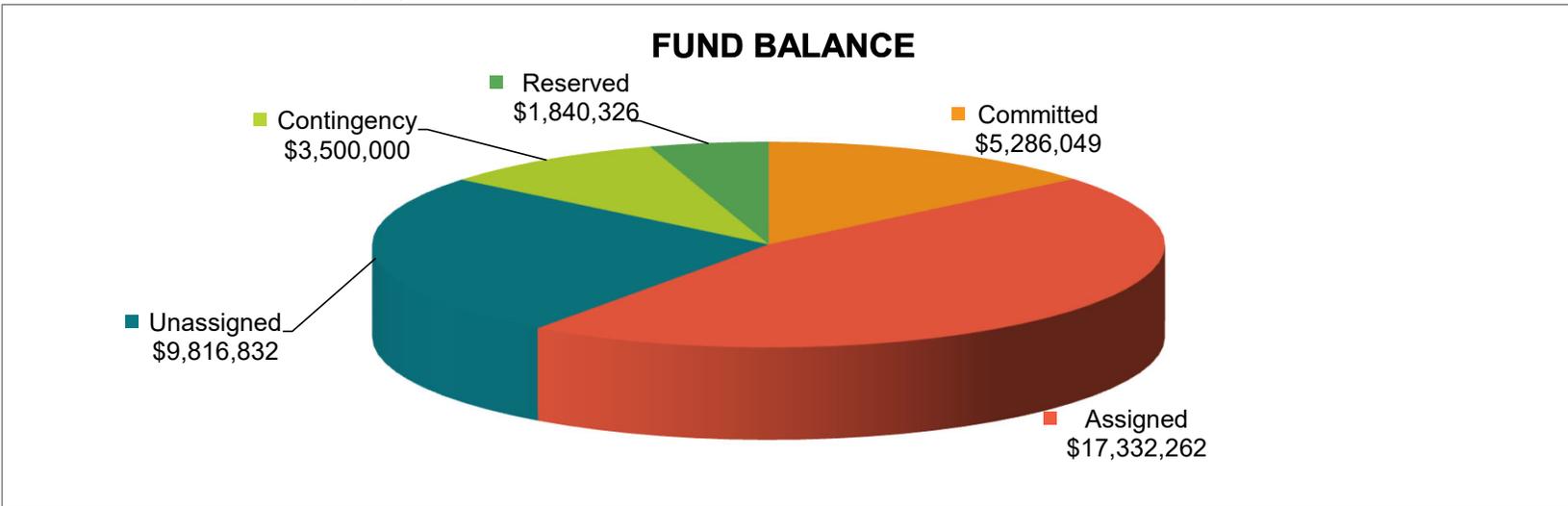
California Electronic Cigarette Excise Tax (CECET): a portion of the tax on electronic

|         | FY 22/23     | FY 23/24     | FY 24/25     | FY 25/26  |
|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| SMIF    | 31,337.11    | 55,329.54    | 50,018.83    | -         |
| Prop 56 | 2,132,426.19 | 2,236,854.54 | 2,096,550.48 | -         |
| CECET   | 141,130.82   | 136,936.84   | 105,547.49   | 21,190.44 |

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FEBRUARY 2024**

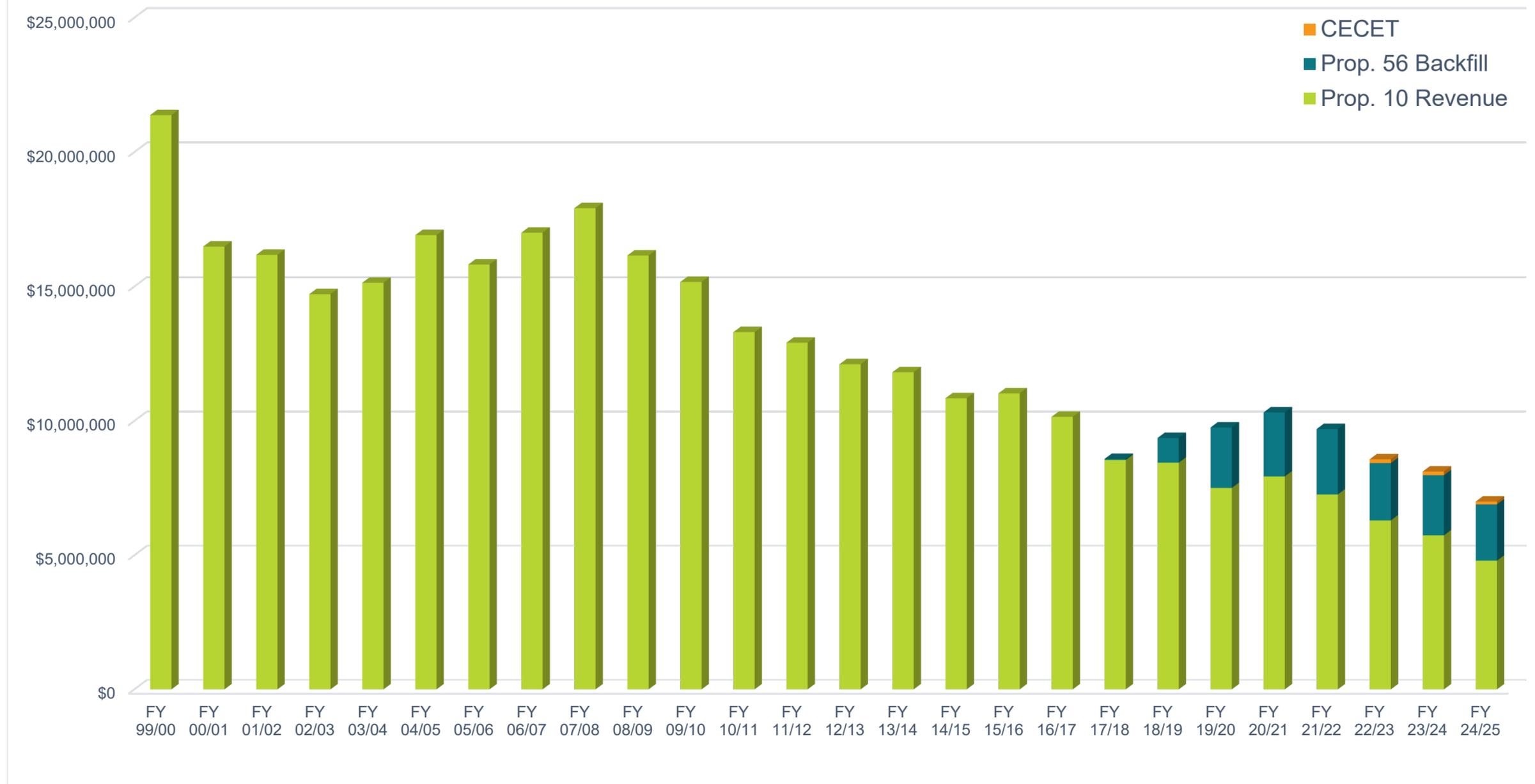


Total Assets: \$ 38,331,378



Total Fund Balance: \$ 37,775,468

## Proposition 10 Revenue Historical Chart



**Prop 56 Backfill:** Effective as of April 1, 2017, Prop 56 increased the excise tax rate on cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and other tobacco products by \$2.00 per pack cigarettes. The passed proposition included an 18% back-fill to funds and legislation affected by its passing including Prop. 10 for revenue loss due to reduced tobacco consumption.

**CECET:** California Electronic Cigarette Excise Tax - Effective as of July 1, 2022, 12.5% tax on electronic cigarettes containing or sold with nicotine. Of the tax collected, 12% is distributed into the California Children & Families Trust Fund to be distributed for First 5s statewide.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

TO: Children & Families Commission of Fresno County

FROM: Fabiola González, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Funds from WestEd for the Building Equitable Early Learning and Care Systems (BEELS) Initiative and Subcontract with Reinking Education Consulting, LLC

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve the acceptance of \$100,000 from WestEd as part of First 5 California’s (F5CA) BEELS Initiative for First 5 Fresno County (F5FC) to serve as the Fiscal Lead Agency and approve a subsequent agreement with Reinking Education Consulting, LLC for coaching services for an amount not to exceed \$22,000.

**BACKGROUND:**

On March 3, 2026, the Commission’s Finance and Program Review Committee reviewed and approved this item for full Commission consideration.

Funded by F5CA, WestEd is collaborating with the 10 IMPACT Regional Hubs across the state to elevate California’s quality improvement efforts through a new initiative titled Building Equitable Early Learning and Care Systems (BEELS). BEELS is designed to augment and expand local equity efforts and utilize these experiences to inform the development of a statewide equitable early learning system. Counties and regions have been focused on developing equitable systems within their communities and now there is an opportunity to bring work from around the state together to share California’s story.

As part of the BEELS initiative, F5CA is providing funding through WestEd to each region to support the implementation of Regional Action Plans which have been approved by the BEELS Team, made up of WestEd members, and F5CA. Members of the Region 5 Hub have been meeting with the BEELS Team for the last year to create the Region 5 Action Plan which focuses on five Areas: Coaching, Trainers & Training Resources, Regional Planning, Workforce Retention & Staff Compensation and Institutes of Higher Education. See Table 1. for the BEELS Budget Breakdown of each of the five Areas.

The Region 5 Hub has selected First 5 Fresno County (F5FC) to be the Fiscal Lead for the BEELS funds, in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000. If approved, F5FC will be charged with receiving and distributing these funds on behalf of Region 5 Hub to implement the Region 5 Action Plan. The funds will be received as early as March 2026 and must be expended by September 27, 2027. Region 5 Hub members have approved the current proposed budget for the BEELS funds.

Hub partners deliberated and support action on **Area 1: Coaching** of the Region 5 Action Plan. As such, staff is bringing forth their recommendation to subcontract with Reinking Education Consulting, LLC to bring the authors of the book currently being used in the Regional Communities of Practice (CoPs), *Coaching for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility, and Belonging in Early Childhood*, to the annual Regional 5 Hub Coaching Event scheduled for May 29, 2026. Reinking’s proposal includes a keynote presentation and four breakout sessions facilitated by the authors, Dr. Anni Reinking and Laycee Thigpen, MS. Ed. The keynote will focus on the *why* behind coaching for equity and the breakout sessions will focus on concrete strategies and language for tailoring coaching to the educator’s readiness and moving toward equity-driven, anti-bias practice. Over 100 coaches across the Region 5 Hub attend this annual Hub Coaching Event every year.

The Table below details Region 5’s BEELS Action Plan areas and Region 5’s proposed use of the BEELS funding for each action area. This agenda item includes a proposed subcontract for Area 1 (Coaching) and for the remaining funds (\$68,000), staff will bring any future proposed agreements to the Commission, in accordance with First 5 Fresno County’s approved procurement policies.

**Table. 1**

| Region 5 BEELS Stipend Proposed Budget      |   |
|---|---|
| Action Plan Areas                           | Use of Funds  |
| 1. Coaching                                 | Subcontract with Reinking Education Consulting, LLC for breakout sessions and keynote speakers at the annual Regional 5 Hub Coaching Event (\$22,000) |
| 2. Trainers & Training Resources            | Incentives for participation in Areas 2-5 and subcontract with a consultant to support Area 3 (\$68,000)  |
| 3. Regional Planning                        |   |
| 4. Workforce Retention & Staff Compensation |   |
| 5. Institutes of Higher Education           |   |
| Subtotal:                                   | \$90,000  |
| F5FC to collect 10% Indirect                | \$10,000  |
| Total                                       | \$100,000   |

**Procurement:** The Commission’s procurement policy allows the Commission to select a vendor via sole source if, among other things, the vendor’s capabilities and experiences are so unique that no other vendor may comparably meet the Commission’s needs. Dr. Anni Reinking and Laycee Thigpen are the authors of *Coaching for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility, and Belonging in Early Childhood*, the book currently being used by the Region 5 coaches participating in CoPs. Reinking Education Consulting, LLC is the only entity who can deliver the breakout sessions and keynote focused on the teachings of this book to the Region 5 Hub.

**Alignment with 2025-2030 Strategic Plan:** The acceptance of the BEELS funds and the proposed agreement with Reinking Education Consulting, LLC aligns with the Early Learning focus area of the Commission’s Strategic Plan with the goal to increase our community’s capacity to provide quality, accessible, and inclusive early learning and care opportunities for every child and family, across rural and urban neighborhoods.

**Short-term goal(s) and long-term outcomes:** If approved, First 5 Fresno County will be the Fiscal Lead Agency to receive the BEELS funds and subsequently subcontract with Reinking Education Consulting, LLC to bring equity driven coaching sessions to the region. The long-term intended outcome is to expand local and regional early learning equity efforts through the BEELS initiative.

**Fiscal Impact:** First 5 California funding covers the entirety of the proposed agreement, and no local Proposition 10 revenues would be utilized.

**CONCLUSION:**

The BEELS initiative aims to create a more equitable early learning system. If approved, staff will accept the BEELS funds and move forward with the Reinking Education Consulting, LLC agreement. If this item is not approved, Region 5 would need to identify a different Lead Agency to accept these funds to support the implementation of the Region 5 Action Plan.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

TO: Children & Families Commission of Fresno County

FROM: Fabiola González, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Agreement Renewal with Fresno County Department of Public Health - Home Visiting

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve an agreement renewal with the County of Fresno, Department of Public Health to provide public health nursing home visitation services to families with young children across Fresno County, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for one year.

**BACKGROUND:**

On March 3, 2026, the Commission's Finance and Program Review Committee reviewed and approved this item for full Commission consideration.

Voluntary, prevention-based home visitation programs pair a dedicated support person with expectant families and families with young children, building trusting relationships to identify and support their health and well-being goals. Along with First 5 Commissions across the state, First 5 Fresno County has long invested in home visitation, which continues to be cited as an effective strategy for increasing positive outcomes in maternal and child health, school readiness and family well-being by providing critical two-generation support and mitigating trauma.<sup>1,2,3</sup> Locally, home visitation is a key strategy in the Early Matters Fresno investment plan, with the intent to dramatically scale home visitation services (both nurse and para-professional models) countywide.

While California has made recent historic investments in expanding home visiting programs, only a limited number of families can access these critical supports. As Proposition 10 revenues decline, it is paramount that local Commission dollars leverage state, federal and other funding to expand the impact and reach of each investment. Locally, the County of Fresno, Department of Public Health (DPH) is a lead provider of early childhood home visitation programs, leveraging federal funding with local funding.

In January 2024, the Commission approved an agreement with DPH for \$3,000,000 to provide home visitation programs for two years with the option to renew for an additional year. By partnering with DPH, the Commission is able to leverage nearly one million dollars annually in federal funding to further the vision of scaling home visitation services in Fresno County. That leveraged funding,

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<sup>1</sup> State-Level Policy Recommendations to Support Home Visiting Coordination Within California's Early Childhood System of Care - California Home Visiting Coordination Project - First 5 California (June 2022)

<sup>2</sup> A Statewide Approach to Strengthen Home Visiting in California - Children Now (September 2023)

<sup>3</sup> First 5 Association's Home Visiting Policy Framework - December 2022

along with the Commission’s investment has expanded the reach of multiple, unique home visitation programs: Nurse Family Partnership, Nurse Liaison and Community Health Teams.

June 2026 marks the end of the Commission’s initial two-year award to DPH for these three home visitation programs. Based on discussion with DPH, it is staff’s recommendation to renew an agreement with DPH that shifts from three to two distinct home visitation programs: Nurse Liaison and Community Health Teams. In recent years, DPH has experienced a growing demand and increased waiting list for shorter term services for pregnant and postpartum individuals, high-risk infants and children with special health needs. And while the Nurse Family Partnership program is a reputable, evidenced-based home visiting model, the eligibility criteria of the program (e.g. first-time mothers from low-income households only) limits the number of individuals who can be served from the growing waitlist. According to DPH, increasing the number of short-term public health home visitors, such as those with the Nurse Liaison, would significantly improve their ability to meet current community needs. At present, the Commission funds only a portion of the Nurse Family Partnership program/services at DPH, so the program is anticipated to remain at DPH even if not directly funded by the Commission. Table #1 provides a description of each program and anticipated annual funding amounts from the Commission and leveraged dollars.

**Table #1**

| Program Description   | Anticipated First 5 Fresno County Annual Contribution |
|---|---|
| <p><b>Nurse Liaison</b><br/> <i>The primary goal of the Nurse Liaison program is to prevent child maltreatment by improving health outcomes and decreasing potential re-hospitalization rates for at-risk infants and children. The Nurse Liaison program provides public health nurse liaison services to Community Regional Medical Center and Valley Children’s Hospital to support infants from the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and their families through the transition to community care, as well as high risk infants and children under six years of age living in Fresno County who because of organic or environmental factors may be at risk for growth and developmental delays and who may face serious health problems. In addition, the program serves children with developmental, or behavior challenges identified through their childcare provider and pregnant or parenting individuals referred from community-based organizations and programs such as the CalLearn program. Nurse Liaisons provide assessment, consultation, technical assistance, referral, and linkage to a variety of community programs via a home visitation model.</i></p> | \$524,610   |
| <p><b>Community Health Teams</b><br/> <i>A cost-effective model pairing public health nurses with teams of para-professionals from community-based organizations to provide research-based home visitation services to underserved families without the eligibility guidelines of other federally and state funded programs. In this model DPH contracts with multiple community-based organizations creating Community Health Teams in Fresno County communities.</i></p>  | \$975,390   |
| <b>Total of First 5 Fresno Award</b>  | <b>\$1,500,000</b>                                    |
| Approximate Leveraged Funding   | \$924,956   |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$2,424,956</b>                                    |

**Procurement:** The Commission’s procurement policy allows the Commission to select a vendor via sole source if, among other things, the vendor’s capabilities and experiences are so unique that no other vendor may comparably meet the Commission’s needs. The original agreement received a sole source procurement with DPH as they are the only agency that can directly leverage state and federal funding to expand the Commission’s investment in evidence and research-based public health nursing home visitation programs across the county. The renewal would do the same. Home visitation directly aligns with the Commission’s strategic plan and partnering with DPH increases the Commission’s investment in these services by more than nine hundred thousand (\$900,000) dollars.

**Alignment with the Strategic Plan:** Funding allocated for this partnership will support Fresno County families primarily through the Maternal, Child, and Family Health focus area of the Commissions 2025-2030 strategic plan.

**Fiscal Impact:** Total funding will be allocated from the Commission’s Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Approved Revised Budget under the Maternal, Child and Family Health – Home Visitation line item in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for one year. See **Table #1** for anticipated First 5 Fresno County funding per contract and approximate leverage amounts. Final funding amounts per contract will be based on contract negotiations, in a total combined amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

**CONCLUSION:**

This recommendation aligns with the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan and will continue the Commission’s investment in local agencies directly serving children and families in Fresno County, maximizing the number of families served by leveraging state and federal funding. Ultimately, if the Commission determines not to move forward with the agreement renewal with the public health department, it would jeopardize nearly one million dollars in leveraged funding to the community.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

TO: Children & Families Commission of Fresno County

FROM: Fabiola González, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

This report intends to keep the Commission apprised of local and statewide activities and involvement of the Executive Director and Commission's staff that further the vision and mission of the Commission and are in support of strengthening our early childhood systems of care.

**General Administration Update**

We are hiring! We are seeking qualified candidates to fill two openings:

- A **Policy & Communications Manager** to lead the engagement and implementation of government, advocacy, communications, and community relations strategies to support and enhance the Commission's vision, mission and strategic plan priorities. Applications are being accepted through **Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** and the job announcement is on our website: <https://first5fresno.org/jobs/policy-communications-manager/>
- An **Operations Manager** to lead and support operations and business-related administrative needs of the agency and the Lighthouse for Children facility. Applications are being accepted through **Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** and the job announcement is on our website: <https://first5fresno.org/jobs/operations-manager/>

Form 700 Filing Process Update

With the recent enactment of SB 852, effective January 1, 2026, the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) is now the filing officer for our agency's Form 700 filers. Commissioners will no longer file their Form 700 with the Clerk of the Board's Office and must instead use the FPPC's electronic filing system. Commissioners should have received an email titled "**Form 700 Annual Filing Notification**" from [Form700.FPPC@southtechhosting.com](mailto:Form700.FPPC@southtechhosting.com). If you have not received it, please contact Karen Rangel. The deadline to file your Form 700 is **April 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**Local and Statewide Involvement in Early Childhood Efforts**

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Fresno County Update

This month marks one year since children across Fresno County began receiving books through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. I am proud to share that in our first year:

- Over 100,000 books have been mailed to over 13,000 children
- Almost 2,000 children have graduated from the program
- Approximately 20% of children enrolled in the Bilingual library collection

- Approximately 24% of children served from rural communities

Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library recently published the findings of their International Research Study which surveyed more than 86,000 caregivers across the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, and Australia. Families were followed for twelve months and compared with caregivers whose children had not yet received books. The results are clear: Just **10 books** can spark measurable gains in early literacy, vocabulary, and family reading routines—and the greatest impact appears in communities facing the highest barriers.

Advocacy Day – April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

This year’s Advocacy Day will take place on **Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**, from **9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Advocacy Day, hosted by the First 5 Association of California (F5AC), is an annual statewide opportunity for First 5 staff and Commissioners to gather at the State Capitol to meet with legislators and state leaders on issues affecting young children and families, and to reinforce that supporting children ages 0-5 and their families is not only the right thing to do, but essential for California's future.

2026 Child-Friendly Business of the Year Award

As part of our partnership with the Fresno County Chamber of Commerce to integrate our Child-Friendly Business Awards into their annual Valley Business Awards, the Child-Friendly Business of the Year became a new Award Category for the Chamber of Commerce. This award is provided to one exemplary business in our county that is nominated by employees for going above and beyond what is required by law in support them. This year we are proud to honor [Art of Comfort](#), a heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) local business.

**Administrative Agreements and Renewals**

Pursuant to the Commission’s Procurement Policies and Procedures, which grant the Executive Director the authority to “execute operating contracts that are administrative in nature and affect the day-to-day operations of the Commission (no dollar limit)” and, “to renew agreements within the originally approved term, including its approved renewal period, and within the approved contract amount without additional Commission approval,” the following agreements will be renewed based on satisfactory performance:

**FY25-26 First 5 Association of California Membership Dues**

**Purpose:** Our annual membership supports the First 5 Association to continue to represent the interests of California county First 5s with state departments, policymakers and statewide early childhood partners so collective insights, recommendations and knowledge shapes and influences policies that build a better and more equitable statewide early childhood system.

**Agency:** First 5 Association of California

**Amount:** \$47,345

**FY2025-26 Proposed Revised Budget Line Item:** Dues and Subscriptions Expense

**Term:** July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

**Help Me Grow Fresno County Centralized Access Point**

**Purpose:** Exceptional Parents Unlimited (EPU) serves as the Centralized Access Point (CAP) for Help Me Grow Fresno County. The CAP serves as the ‘go-to’ place for family members and service providers seeking information, support and connections to resources for children related to developmental or behavioral concerns.

**Agency:** Exceptional Parents Unlimited

**Amount:** \$200,000

**FY 2025-2026 Approved Revised Budget Line Item:** Systems-Building - Help Me Grow Fresno County & Central Valley

**Term:** May 1, 2026 - April 30, 2027