

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE COUNTY OF YUBA**

**RESOLUTION TO MAKE A FINDING)
OF PUBLIC PURPOSE AND)
AUTHORIZING COUNTY)
ADMINISTRATOR TO ESTABLISH)
A CHILDCARE RELIEF)
PROGRAM, AND TO EXECUTE)
ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-107

WHEREAS, SARS-CoV-2 (Coronavirus) has created the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic resulting in enormous hardship for families, businesses; including the childcare sector and governments across the world, the United States, and California; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20 ordering all individuals in the State to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential sectors of the economy. One of these essential sectors was childcare; and

WHEREAS, since that time, Childcare Providers have been experiencing closures and low enrollment, or continue to experience a loss in income and increase in expenses to meet the latest Executive Orders, State Public Health Orders, and Local Public Health Orders in an attempt to stem the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the closure of schools, has caused families who would traditionally rely on school settings as a dependable source of care, to impact the already fragile childcare sector. In addition, the closures have adversely affected childcare providers who are tasked with new responsibilities and creating an adequate spaces for distance learning and one-on-one support; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law by the President of the United States on March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Treasury has made funds available to each state for distribution to local governments; and

WHEREAS, as recognized by the Governor when issuing Executive Order N-45-20 to expand child care opportunities to working families, "...childcare is essential for working families, and in particular, for low-income and other parents who are considered essential critical

infrastructure workers during this emergency, including health care workers; emergency response personnel; key governmental staff; law enforcement; food and agriculture workers, including grocery workers; and education and care providers; and ... the COVID-19 emergency has created an increased need for childcare for families who may not have previously needed childcare, or who may now require additional hours of childcare...”; and

WHEREAS, Yuba County has received an allocation of approximately \$8,000,000 in CARES Act funds with allocated disbursements from the State to begin in August of 2020; and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act guidance provides, as examples of eligible use of payments from the Fund to be, expenditures related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by closures, as well the provision of grants to childcare providers to increase their capacity to safely serve children and to reimburse expenses to facilitate distance learning, including technological improvements, in connection with school closures to enable compliance with COVID-19 precautions; and

WHEREAS, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors has the authority to approve an appropriation of \$250,000 in order to create a Childcare Relief Program; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a Yuba County Childcare Relief Program is in line with the overall Yuba County CARES Act allocation plan for those funds to be received by Yuba County; and

WHEREAS, Yuba County seeks to partner with the Children’s Home Society of California (“CHS”) to administer a Childcare Relief Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yuba hereby:

1. Finds that the allocation of the funds to support the Childcare Relief Program serves a public purpose by fostering economic stability. Removing barriers to expand childcare capacity, and providing support to local childcare businesses not only helps the economic viability of these local businesses, but also provides economic stability by ensuring parents are able to remain in the workforce. Child welfare and education are key drivers of economic success. Assisting childcare providers by offsetting the expenses to implement distance learning, furthers the edification of our County's youth and serves the purpose of preparing students for lifelong well-being. Lastly, supporting additional compliance costs as the result of the COVID-19 pandemic will decrease the exposure of individuals to the coronavirus therefore, furthering the public purpose of public health, safety, and welfare.
2. Approves a one-time allocation of \$250,000 to support a Childcare Relief Program for qualified childcare providers in Yuba County.
3. Allocates the necessary funding from the Yuba County CARES Act award upon receipt of the necessary funding from the State of California.
4. Authorizes the partnering of the County with Children's Home Society of California or other appropriate party to administer a Childcare Relief Program substantially in the form described in the staff report supporting this agenda item.
5. Authorizes the County Administrator to execute and sign any required documents, including a funding agreement consistent with the terms discussed herein, with Children's Home Society of California to effectuate the Childcare Relief Program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yuba, State of California on the 25 day of August, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Vasquez, Leahy, Bradford, Fletcher

NOES: None


ABSENT: Supervisor Lofton

ABSTAIN: None



ATTEST: RACHEL FERRIS
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mary Pasillas, Board Clerk


VICE CHAIR

MICHAEL J. CICOZZI
YUBA COUNTY COUNSEL
APPROVED AS TO FORM: