

STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 13, 2025

CATEGORY: Consent Calendar 1

SUBJECT: Approve the Local Planning Council Priority Submittal for the California Department of Education which identifies local zip code priorities for Fiscal Year 2025-26 as determined by the Shasta County Local Child Care and Development Planning Council in accordance with Education Code requirements.

DEPARTMENT: County Administrative Office

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #: All

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Jared Biddle, Senior Administrative Analyst, (530) 225-5561

STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY: Erin Bertain, Deputy County Executive Officer

<u>Vote Required?</u> Simple Majority Vote	<u>General Fund Impact?</u> No General Fund Impact
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RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Local Planning Council Priority Submittal for the California Department of Education which identifies local zip code priorities for Fiscal Year 2025-26 as determined by the Shasta County Local Child Care and Development Planning Council in accordance with Education Code requirements.

DISCUSSION

The Shasta County Local Child Care and Development Planning Council (LPC) has been in existence since 1997 and is a collaboration of consumers, service providers, public agencies, and other community representatives. The primary responsibilities of the LPC are to identify early child care and education needs in the County and develop priorities for addressing those needs through collaboration within existing child care and education programs. In accordance with Education Code section 8499.5(b), the LPC prepares a list of early learning and care priorities by zip code, and submits the list to the state each May for the following fiscal year. This occurs even when no State funds are available.

Under the California Budget Act of Fiscal Year 2020-21, accountability for LPC activities shifted from the CA Department of Education to the CA Department of Social Services beginning in July 2021.

When setting priorities, LPC considers the unmet need in each zip code using information about the number of children eligible for subsidized early learning care as compared with the number of children enrolled in subsidized early learning and care programs. Criteria for setting priorities is based on formulas established by the state. The process is conducted for three age groups: (1) infants and toddler (0-35 months), (2) preschool age children (3 and 4 years old), (3) school age children (five to thirteen years old).

A zip code qualifies as Priority 1 when there are 50% or more eligible children underserved and there are more than 24 children underserved. A zip code qualifies as Priority 2 when there are 35% or more eligible children underserved and more than 10 children underserved. Priority 3 zip codes are those where there are 20% or more eligible children underserved and more than 10 children underserved.

The Shasta County LPC Coordinator certifies the Fiscal Year 2025-26 priorities have been prepared and reviewed in accordance with Education Code requirements. The Priority Submittal Form has been signed by the LPC Chairperson and a County Superintendent of Schools Representative. Approval is requested from the Board to approve the priorities for the County as determined by LPC.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board may request additional information.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

The Local Child Care Planning Council Coordinator provided the documents to be processed. The Priority Submittal form has been signed by the LPC Chairperson and County Superintendent of Schools Representative. The Recommendation has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

This submission of priorities is required to qualify for child care funding from the California Department of Social Services. There are no County costs associated with the recommended action.

ATTACHMENTS:

1: LPC 2025-26 Priorities Report