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Board Agenda Letter

TO:	Board of Supervisors
FROM:	JoAnn Melgar for Jennifer Yasumoto - Director Health & Human Services Administration
REPORT BY:	JoAnn Melgar, Staff Services Analyst II - 707-253-4722
SUBJECT:	Agreement with TransUnion Risk and Alternative Data Solutions, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a Subscriber Agreement and Pricing Sheet with TransUnion Risk and Alternative Data Solutions, Inc. for an annual maximum of $2,000 for the term December 15, 2020 through December 14, 2021 and each automatic renewal thereof to provide web access to comprehensive law enforcement and business reports to be used in welfare fraud investigations.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Self Sufficiency Services Division (SSSD) had previously contracted with TransUnion Risk and Alternative Data Solutions, Inc. to provide comprehensive law enforcement person and business reports for use in CalWORKs, CalFresh, Medi-Cal, and California Medical Services Program fraud investigations, however, that Agreement expired. SSSD used other means to confirm residency and household composition such as social media; however it was not as effective as TransUnion Risk and Alternative Data Solutions.

The purpose of today's requested action is to formalize a new Agreement with TransUnion Risk and Alternative Data Solutions, Inc. to provide the same services, which include providing SSSD Welfare Fraud investigators access to web-based data and reports at an annual cost of $2,000 for the term December 15, 2020 through December 14, 2021 and each automatic renewal thereof.

TransUnion Risk and Alternative Data Solutions, Inc. is the only known provider of this service. TransUnion Risk and Alternative Data Solutions, Inc. is not a local vendor.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Health & Human Services Self Sufficiency Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	This Agreement is discretionary in that it is not mandated by any statue, however, provides information vital to welfare fraud investigations.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	This Agreement terminates June 30, 2021; however, this contract is set to auto renew. Appropriations will be budgeted accordingly.
Consequences if not approved:	If this Agreement is not approved, Napa County Welfare Fraud Investigators will not have access to one of the tools they use to determine whether fraud has occurred.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit
Additional Information:	

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

In accordance with the California Department of Social Services Manual of Policies and Procedures, Division 20, section 20-005.1, the County Welfare Department is responsible for preventing and discovering fraudulent actions by recipients to the furthest extent possible, and for taking prompt and decisive steps to investigate and establish the facts regarding any situation in which it appears possible that benefits are being received on the basis of incorrect, incomplete or false data.

The comprehensive law enforcement person and business reports provided by TransUnion Risk and Alternative Data Solutions, Inc. are one of the tools the welfare fraud investigators use in order to determine whether fraud has occurred.

The cost of this service provided by TransUnion Risk and Alternative Data Solutions, Inc. is $150 per month per license. This Agreement also includes an additional $200 to cover any additional non-standard report charges that may be incurred for an annual maximum of $2,000.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Ben Guerrieri