



AGENDA ITEM: 26-20

DATE OF MEETING: May 13, 2026

ACTION:

INFORMATION:

APPROVE AND ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 ANNUAL BUDGET OF FIRST 5 RIVERSIDE COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

Adopt the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026/2027 Annual Budget for Fund 25800, reflecting estimated revenues of \$25,901,913 and total projected expenditures of \$30,648,221, and authorize associated expenditures in accordance with Commission-approved budget and procurement policies.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the California Children and Families Act of 1998, the Children and Families Commission for Riverside County—also known as First 5 Riverside County—is required to adopt an annual budget in support of its approved strategic plan. The proposed budget aligns with the Commission’s strategic plan and reflects current revenue projections, contractual commitments, and operational priorities for the fiscal year.

BUDGET SUMMARY

The Department proposes the FY 2026/2027 Annual Budget with a total fund balance draw of approximately \$4.7 million, of which approximately \$1.3 million is from the Committed Fund Balance for Maternal Fetal Medicine research through Riverside University Health System – Medical Center.

Revenue – Fund 25800 (\$25,901,913): Reflects a net decrease of approximately \$1.6 million from the prior fiscal year, as detailed below:

- **Proposition 10 & Proposition 56:** Decrease of \$1,226,020.
- **First 5 CA (F5CA) IMPACT:** Net increase of \$35,000 due to Region 9 HUB budget rollover from FY25/26 to FY26/27.
- **Program Revenue:** Net decrease of \$405,500 due to partial IEHP payment being recognized in FY25/26 and reduced funding for the RCOE evaluation component.
- **Reimbursement for Services (CalWORKs):** No change in funding.

- **Reimbursement for Salaries (DPSS):** No change in funding for Family Resource Center operational support.
- **Contribution from Other County Funds:** No change in funding. District 4 Unincorporated Community Initiative funding was awarded as one-time funding in FY 2024 and is expected to be used and recognized in FY 2026/2027.
- **Interest-Related Revenue:** Decrease of \$12,990 based on current market trends.

Salaries and Benefits – Fund 25800 (\$9,472,518): Reflects a net increase of \$320,444 compared to the prior fiscal year, primarily due to a Cost-of-Living Adjustment taking effect late in FY 2025/2026. Full-time equivalents remain at 65 positions.

Operating Expenditures – Fund 25800 (\$3,191,148): Reflects a net decrease of \$9,406 from the prior fiscal year, primarily due to a credit in the County Support Services account.

Contracts – Fund 25800 (\$17,293,598): Reflects a net decrease of \$701,908 from the prior fiscal year due to reductions in contract budgets, scope changes, and contract expirations. Approximately \$7.2 million (41%) of the contract allocation is supported by external funding reimbursements. An additional \$1.3 million (8%) is funded from previously approved Committed Fund Balance. Approximately \$8.8 million (51%) is supported by FY 2026/2027 Prop 10 revenue.

Capital Assets – Fund 25800 (\$690,957): Reflects a net increase of \$615,957 from the prior fiscal year, primarily to support the design phase associated with the future build-out of undeveloped Commission space.

Partner Agency contracts are allocated in the following strategic plan goal areas:

Strategic Goal Areas	Contract Allocation
Quality Early Learning	\$ 5,678,006
Comprehensive Health & Development	10,102,527
Resilient Families	1,275,000
Countywide (Admin/Eval/Countywide Programs)	238,065
Total	\$ 17,293,598

The use of fund balance is planned and aligns with one-time investments and previously approved commitments and does not represent an ongoing structural imbalance.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Commission:

1. Adopt the FY 2026/27 Budget (Fund 25800) as proposed.
2. Authorize the Executive Director or Designee to:

- a. Expend funds for the line items specified by a specific vendor under the Operational Expense section of this budget (excluding Operational Contracts). Requisitions or purchases at or above the \$50,000 authority limit associated with these items are referenced below. Office reconfiguration projects will be commissioned from either vendor depending upon availability but will not exceed the total amount; and

Vendor - Description	Total
Total Plan and/or GM Business Interiors – Office Reconfigurations	\$100,000
Absolute Security – Mecca FRC Security Guard Services	\$81,600
US Bank – County Credit Card and Travel Program Bank	\$150,000
Taborda Solutions, Inc. – Salesforce Licenses	\$123,235
Supply Bank – Diapers & Wipe Kits	\$50,000

- 3. Authorize the Executive Director or Designee to:
 - a. Expend funds for internal service fees, countywide cost allocation plan, and inter-department administrative and operational costs as set forth in the attached budget and per the Commission approved Contract and Procurement Policy.
 - b. Accept or reject interdepartmental transfers (journal entries) for ISF and county operational costs.

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- 4. Authorize the Executive Director or Designee to execute documents and coordinate appropriate actions to expend funds in accordance with established Commission policy and as set forth in the attached budget.

BUDGET IMPACT

Included in the proposed FY 2026/2027 Annual Budget.

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None known

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. FY 2026/2027 Budget Summary Prop 10 Fund 25800
- 2. FY 2026/2027 Budget Infographic – Numbers at a Glance