



Anne E. Campbell • County Superintendent of Schools

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To: Anne E. Campbell, County Superintendent of Schools

From: Dr. Gary Waddell, Deputy Superintendent
Instructional Services Division

Subject: **Comprehensive Evaluation of The Big Lift – Partnership RAND and SMCOE**

Board action is requested approving the submission of a \$1,778,940 grant proposal to U.S. Department of Education, Institute for Educational Sciences (iES).

This Federal Institute of Education Sciences grant will be utilized to conduct a developmental, descriptive and impact evaluation of the four pillars of The Big Lift using quasi-experimental methods to understand how participation in The Big Lift initiative affects academic achievement such as third grade reading scores and social emotional learning, and examining how different levels of participation in the initiative's four pillars are related to outcomes.

I will be present at the August 16th Board meeting to answer any questions the Board may have.

Approved and Recommended to the Board:


for Anne E. Campbell, County Superintendent of Schools

San Mateo County Office of Education

Anne E. Campbell, Superintendent of Schools

Project Initiation

PROJECT TITLE: Comprehensive Evaluation of The Big Lift - Partnership RAND and SMCOE

Source of Funding: U.S. Dept of Education, Institute for Educational Sciences (IES)

Amount of Funding Requested: \$1,778,940

Matching Funds Required: \$0 **Source:** N/A

Pre-application Deadline: 6/22/17 **Application Deadline:** 8/17/17

PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY:

Personnel Salaries and Benefits: 5-year totals (2018/19 - 2022/23)	
.25 FTE Coordination - Early Learning Quality Improvement Initiatives	284,238
.15 Project Specialist - Early Learning Quality	147,968
.50 Education Data Analyst (new position)	397,869
Operating Expenses: 5-year totals (2018/19 - 2022/23)	
Materials and Supplies, Facility Rental, Printing, Photocopies, Postage	22,500
Big Lift School District mini-grants \$20,000 / year per 7 districts over 5 years	700,000
Indirect @ 14.58% per year	226,365
Total	\$1,778,940

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The RAND Corporation intends to submit a \$4,900,000, 5-year Federal Institute of Education Sciences grant application under the US Department of Education in order to conduct a developmental, descriptive and impact evaluation of the four pillars of The Big Lift using quasi-experimental methods to understand how participation in The Big Lift initiative affects academic achievement such as third grade reading scores and social emotional learning, and examining how different levels of participation in the initiative's four pillars are related to outcomes.

RAND is the primary applicant and principal research investigator working in conjunction with SMCOE as a sub-recipient and co-principal investigator. Diana Harlick will be the co-principal lead for the SMCOE on this work. Project Specialist, Hui Kim Goutam will be part-time on this work, as well as an Education Data Analyst (to be hired).

The term of this grant is for five years starting in 2018/19 through fiscal year 2022/23. It will not be known until July 2018 if RAND has been awarded the grant. The SMCOE sub-grant amount is proposed at 1,778,940. The seven school districts participating in The Big Lift will each receive a \$20,000 mini-grant each year of the grant period in recognition of the additional data burden beyond what is currently asked by The Big Lift. This funding would be distributed through the SMCOE via contracts with the individual districts.

1) Are any project personnel to be housed at 101 Twin Dolphin Drive? Yes ☒ No ☐

1a) If yes, note physical location: Early Learning Support Services

2) Approximate number of new personnel required to carry out project? Data Analyst 0.60 FTE

3) Will County Office staff services be utilized to carry out the program? Yes ☒ No ☐

4) Will County Office materials and equipment be used to carry out the program? Yes ☒ No ☐

4a) If yes, what will the department provide? computer workstation, phone, internet, copier, etc.

5) Has an administrative overhead charge been included in the program budget? Yes ☒ No ☐

5a) Explain: 14.58% (17/18 approved rate) applied to each of 5 years

APPROVALS:

Program Manager: _____

Date: _____

Division Head: *Jay Wallace*

Date: 08/04/2017

for County Superintendent: *James Chavez*

Date: 8/9/17

County Board of Education: _____

Date: _____

PREPARED BY: Jean-Marie Houston, Director

Date: 8/4/17

PROGRAM: Early Learning Support Services

☒ New Application

☐ Continuing Application

ACTION OF FUNDING AGENCY:

☐ APPROVED (DATE): _____

AMOUNT FUNDED: \$ _____

BEGINNING DATE: _____

ENDING DATE: _____

☐ DISAPPROVED (DATE): _____

COMMENTS:

