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TO: CHINATOWN SERVICE CENTER, COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, FOLSOM CORDOVA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP, REDWOOD COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT GRANT AWARDS

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) is committed to preventing child abuse and neglect and its lasting effects by strengthening families and the communities that surround them. The OCAP seeks to support financial literacy service programs aimed at combating risk factors for child abuse and neglect through support of the financial empowerment of parents and reduction of financial stress on families.

In March 2018, the OCAP released a competitive Request for Applications to support the financial empowerment of parents through the Economic Empowerment grant opportunity, allowing up to five applicants to apply for funding to mitigate the potential risk factors for child maltreatment. The OCAP is pleased to announce that five proposals were chosen to receive the award of approximately $75,000 per organization, per year. The five organizations to be funded are: Chinatown Service Center, Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara, Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo, Folsom Cordova Community Partnership, and Redwood Community Action Agency.

The Economic Empowerment programs will be funded through the federal Child Abuse Prevention Treatment Act and Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention funds. The funding cycle will begin on September 1, 2018 and may continue through August 31, 2020.

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Sincerely,

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