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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

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Health & Human Services Administration

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SUBJECT: Agreement with The Community Foundation of the Napa Valley, Inc. (One Napa Valley Initiative)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with The Community Foundation of the Napa Valley, Inc. for an annual maximum of \$25,000 for the term July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, and for each subsequent renewal, to provide support to the One Napa Valley Initiative (ONVI) naturalization assistance program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of today's requested action is to approve an agreement with The Community Foundation of the Napa Valley, Inc. to provide support for the ONVI naturalization assistance program which:

1. Conducts outreach and offers information and education on the benefits of citizenship to County residents with legal standing to seek citizenship;
2. Offers application assistance and related services to County residents seeking to naturalize; and
3. Assists County residents with citizenship interviews and examination preparation including civics and English-for-Naturalization classes.

This Agreement expires June 30, 2019, and provides for two subsequent annual renewals. The Community Foundation of the Napa Valley, Inc. is a local vendor.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes

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| Is it currently budgeted? | Yes |
| Where is it budgeted? | Health & Human Services Administration 2001000 |
| Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? | Discretionary |
| Discretionary Justification: | Naturalization of foreign-born populations has been correlated with such outcomes as higher levels of family income, higher educational attainment for the children of immigrants who naturalize, increased English proficiency, and increased spending by immigrant populations in the local economy. |
| Is the general fund affected? | No |
| Future fiscal impact: | Appropriations will be budgeted in HHSA Administration for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and two subsequent fiscal years. |
| Consequences if not approved: | Naturalization services will not be as readily available for County residents. |
| 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

The Community Foundation of the Napa Valley recently released a comprehensive analysis of the economic and fiscal impact of immigration on Napa County. The analysis underscored the economic contributions that the local immigrant population makes to the local economy. The study also concluded that foreign-born Napa County residents eligible for citizenship become citizens at a lower rate, compared to the statewide average. Naturalization of foreign-born populations has been correlated with such outcomes as higher levels of family income, higher educational attainment for the children of immigrants who naturalize, increased English proficiency, and increased spending by immigrant populations in the local economy.

In response to the study and supporting research, The Community Foundation of the Napa Valley has developed the ONVI naturalization assistance program for qualified County residents. The mission of the ONVI is to empower immigrants to feel more secure and engaged in the future of our community. The Community Foundation of the Napa Valley has implemented ONVI by means of service agreements with local nonprofit organizations including the International Institute of the Bay Area, Legal Aid of Napa Valley, On the Move/McPherson Neighborhood Family Resource Center, and Puertas Abiertas Community Resource Center.

The proposed Agreement will provide support for naturalization assistance services for qualified County residents.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Ben Guerrieri