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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randolph F. Snowden - Director
Health & Human Services
REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720
SUBJECT: Revenue Agreement with the City of Napa

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of the following actions related to the development of an application for submission by Napa County to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for funding to address homelessness in Napa County:

1. Approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a revenue agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Napa (HACN) for a maximum of \$10,075 for the term October 26, 2005 through June 30, 2006 for reimbursement of HACN's share of the County's agreement with The Center for Common Concerns, Inc.; and
2. Approval of Budget Transfer No. 16 increasing appropriations by \$10,075 in the Social Services budget with offsetting revenue to fund contract expenditures. (4/5 vote required)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under this revenue agreement, the Housing Authority of the City of Napa will reimburse the County for the Authority's share of the County's agreement with The Center for Common Concerns, Inc. (The Center). The Center will develop a grant application to address homelessness that Napa County will submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Because the aggregate compensation to The Center will be less than \$50,000, the contract will be presented to the County Executive Officer for approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

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| Is there a Fiscal Impact? | Yes |
| Is it currently budgeted? | No |
| What is the revenue source? | Housing Authority of the City of Napa |

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| Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? | Discretionary |
| Discretionary Justification: | The County would not receive revenue from the Housing Authority of the City of Napa for the Authority's share of the Center for Common Concerns' contract. Either the Authority's share of the costs would have to be paid with County General Funds, or the County would not enter into the contract, possibly jeopardizing local efforts to reduce homelessness. |
| Is the general fund affected? | No |
| Future fiscal impact: | None. |
| Consequences if not approved: | See above. |
| Additional Information: | None |

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

Under the revenue agreement, the Housing Authority of the City of Napa (HACN) will reimburse the County for the HACN's share of the County's agreement with The Center for Common Concerns, Inc. (The Center). The Center is a team of lawyers and public policy experts that has worked with Napa County over the past six years to provide research, legal expertise, policy advocacy, and overall support to assist the community in its effort to end homelessness and to obtain HUD funding for these efforts. Under the auspices of the Gasser Foundation, the Center facilitated the Homeless Summit in October 2005, which was an important event in the required ten-year plan to end homelessness.

The Center will develop a grant application, the result of local efforts to address homelessness in Napa County, that the County will submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Each year, HUD has required more information from the communities it funds. In addition, as HUD's budget decreases (an across-the-board 12 percent decrease this year and a 14 percent decrease in program funding), HUD funding has become more difficult to secure. To be competitive, it is important that the County use expert consultants to focus on HUD's priorities, which include, among others:

- | Increasing homeless individuals' access to mainstream benefits
- | Improving governmental institutional discharge planning mechanisms
- | Ensuring that communities know how many individuals are homeless in their area (a requirement to count homeless persons), what housing and service gaps exist, and development of a plan for meeting those needs. (The goal of the required local ten-year plan is to end chronic homelessness.)

To score as highly as possible in the funding competition, it is essential for Napa County to focus on these priorities and meet these goals. The Center's proposed work plan also includes strategic steps to implement the ten-year local plan drafted in 2005.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita