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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
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SUBJECT: Revenue Agreement with the Workforce Investment Board for the Solano County Service Area

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a revenue agreement with the Workforce Investment Board for the Solano County Service Area for a maximum of \$5,251 for the term July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 to provide the services of a Disability Program Navigator to persons with disabilities in the "One-Stop" job training and employment center.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the requested action will allow HHSA to provide the services of a Disability Program Navigator, who will share resources and collaborate and share linkages to facilitate seamless and comprehensive services to persons with disabilities in the "One-Stop" job training and employment center.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Social Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	This is a discretionary activity in that there is no mandate to provide these services. Approval of this agreement will allow the County to receive financial assistance to provide additional employment training opportunities through the Training and Employment Center, which is the lead agency for the One-Stop center, and a program of the Health and Human Services Agency.
Is the general fund affected?	No

Future fiscal impact:	None.
Consequences if not approved:	Napa County has received funding for these activities for five years. If this agreement is not approved, the County will lose budgeted funding for the Disability Navigator position.
Additional Information:	The NBEC funding covers a portion of the Disability Program Navigator position (\$5,251). The remainder of the position is funded by Mental Health Services Act revenue (\$38,500).

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 North Bay Employment Connection (NBEC) is a collaboration among the four Workforce Investment Boards of Sonoma, Solano, Napa, and Marin Counties. As a collaborative, NBEC and its core partners are dedicated to grant writing, sharing best practices and leveraging resources to benefit employers and consumers of the workforce development systems. Conceived in fall 1998 by the Private Industry Council (PIC) Directors in Napa, Solano, Sonoma and Marin Counties, the North Bay Employment Connection manages mutually beneficial workforce development projects on behalf of the Workforce Investment Boards. The collaborative has attracted and managed nearly \$15 million dollars for the region. Solano County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) is the administrative entity responsible for monitoring outcomes, quarterly reports, and distribution of funding. As the fiscal agent, Solano WIB subcontracts with Napa County for the distribution of these funds. The Napa County local workforce administrator (LWIA) is the sub-recipient of these funds.

The Disability Program Navigator (DPN) initiative is a regional response to a workforce need for persons with disabilities to be able to successfully navigate through the myriad of programs that serve disabled consumers in the community and in the One-Stop job training and employment centers. The purpose of the DPN is to assure full access for job seekers with disabilities to programs and services that enhance successful entry and re-entry into the workforce and that increase employment and self-sufficiency through direct links with employers. As the sub-recipient of WIB funding, the Napa County local workforce administrator is responsible for providing a Disability Program Navigator, who provides direct services to ensure that all persons with disabilities have access to the workforce system. This is the fifth year of funding for this regional NBEC initiative.

If approved, this agreement will fund a portion of a disability program navigator who will work with the area's public educational systems (high schools and community colleges), business communities and workforce development systems to:

- | provide access to diverse labor pools;
- | expand training programs;
- | increase resource information; and
- | increase employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.

The expected results will be: (1) better informed employers, and (2) additional qualified workers with disabilities who will be enabled to contribute to the local labor force.

The DPN funds were awarded effective July 1, 2007; however, the funding was only recently reflected in Solano County's subgrant from the State. Solano County could not initiate the contracts with Napa County until the subgrant was confirmed.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita