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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: Amendment No. 1 to Revenue Agreement No. 6911 with the Workforce Investment Board of Solano County

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to revenue Agreement No. 6911 with the Workforce Investment Board of Solano County, increasing the amount by \$11,025 for a new maximum of \$16,276 to fund the California Health Incentives Improvement Project (CHIIP).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the recommended action will allow the County to receive additional revenue from the Workforce Investment Board of Solano County to fund the California Health Incentives Improvement Project (CHIIP). CHIIP is a multi-agency collaborative effort to remove barriers to employment and self-sufficiency for people with disabilities, particularly barriers to use of the One-Stop 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:	Approval of the recommended action is discretionary in that there is no mandate to provide these services. Approval of the recommended amendment, however, will allow the County to receive increased financial assistance to provide opportunities to increase access to the One-Stop Center

for persons with disabilities.

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: None.

Consequences if not approved: Napa County has received funding to increase access for persons with disabilities for five years. If this amendment is not approved, the County will not be able to utilize CHIIP funding to provide these additional services to persons with disabilities.

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

On November 6, 2007, the Board approved a revenue agreement with the Workforce Investment Board of Solano County to fund a portion of a Disability Navigator position under the Disability Program Navigator (DPN) initiative. The 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 the DPN. The DPN provides direct services to ensure that all persons with disabilities have access to the workforce system by working with the local public educational systems (high schools and community colleges), business communities and workforce development systems to: a) provide access to diverse labor pools; b) expand training programs; c) increase resource information; and d) increase employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.

Approval of the recommended amendment will augment the existing contract to include California Health Incentives Improvement Project (CHIIP) funding received for distribution among the four counties (Solano, Sonoma, Marin and Napa) participating in this regional project, with Solano County acting as the lead agency. CHIIP was created in 2002 and is funded by a Medicaid Infrastructure Grant from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. CHIIP supports the goal of increasing access for persons with disabilities. CHIIP objectives include strengthening labor force connections for people with disabilities by: a) expanding and supporting the disability benefits counseling and training infrastructure of state and local program administrators, and b) assisting front line staff and community-based organizations that work with people with disabilities to achieve successful employment outcomes and economic self-sufficiency.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita