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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Snowden, Randolph F. - Director
Health & Human Services
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SUBJECT: Revenue agreement with the County of Sonoma (GREEN)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of the following actions relating to the Green Regional Education and Employment in the North Bay (GREEN) Program:

1. Authorization for the Chair to sign a revenue agreement with the County of Sonoma for a maximum of \$221,577 for the term November 1, 2009 through March 31, 2011; and
2. Budget Transfer No. HHS011 appropriating \$75,000 in the GREEN Grant budget unit for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 with offsetting revenues from the County of Sonoma to fund the GREEN Program. (4/5 vote required)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the recommended action will: 1) allow the County to accept funding from the County of Sonoma under the Green Regional Education and Employment in the North Bay (GREEN) program, to contract with a "Green Navigator" to provide career counseling and case management and connect participants to training and employment opportunities, and contract with Napa Valley College to increase its capacity to teach students in emerging green technology occupations; and 2) approve a Budget Transfer increasing appropriations in a new GREEN grant budget unit.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes
Is it currently budgeted? No

What is the revenue source?	The Green Regional Education and Employment in the North Bay (GREEN) Program is funded with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds, which are made available through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Governor's Discretionary 15 Percent Account, and funding from the Energy Commission State Energy Program (SEP). The WIA Governor's Discretionary 15 Percent Account funds twenty percent of this revenue agreement and The Energy Commission State Energy Program funds eighty percent of the agreement.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Approval of this revenue agreement will fund a Green Navigator and training programs that will assist unemployed construction workers to receive training and find employment in the emerging "green economy."
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	This revenue agreement terminates March 31, 2011, making funding available in Fiscal Years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. It is anticipated that approximately 34% of the funding will be used in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and the remaining 66% percent will be budgeted and used in Fiscal Year 2010-2011.
Consequences if not approved:	If this agreement is not approved, the Health and Human Services Agency's Self-Sufficiency Workforce Programs unit, which serves unemployed and underemployed workers who seek job placement and training services, will not be able to provide training or job placement in green industries.
Additional Information:	Acceptance of this revenue requires a dollar-for-dollar match. Funding for this revenue agreement will be matched with existing Federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds available to Health and Human Services Self-Sufficiency Workforce Programs unit. The use of WIA funds as match is allowable under the GREEN grant.

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

Over the years, a collaboration among the four Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs) of Sonoma, Solano, Napa, and Marin Counties has managed millions of dollars for the benefit of employers and consumers of the workforce development system. The WIB group has received a grant from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding made available through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Governor's Discretionary 15 Percent Account and The Energy Commission State Energy Program (SEP) to provide Green Regional Education and Employment services in the North Bay (GREEN) to respond to the need for qualified workers in "green" industries (energy efficiency, water, and renewable energy). The County of Sonoma serves as the administrative entity responsible for distributing the funding, monitoring outcomes, and preparing quarterly reports.

Napa County was awarded \$221,577, which will be used to to train and certify unemployed construction

workers interested in becoming Green Building Professionals, Building Performance Evaluators, or Water/Energy Auditors. HHSA will: 1) contract with a "Green Navigator" with expertise in green certification requirements and knowledge of training institutions for specified green certifications, who will provide career counseling and case management and connect qualified participants to training and employment resources; 2) contract with Napa Valley College to increase its capacity to teach additional students in emerging green technology occupations (diagnostic and building performance auditing courses); and 3) upon completion of training, place workers in jobs that are entry points to long-term career paths in the clean energy sector.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Collins