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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Britt Ferguson for Nancy Watt - County Executive Officer
Community Partnership Program
REPORT BY: Bruce Wilson, Community Partnership Analyst , 259-8679
SUBJECT: New contracts with Counties of Sonoma and Solano to implement disability employment projects and related budget transfer.

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer requests the following actions pertaining to the disability employment grants for people with disabilities seeking full employment:

1. Approval of Budget Transfer No. 54 appropriating \$274,367 in the Regional Training Employment budget with offsetting revenue from the State of California, Employment Development Department and the U.S. Department of Labor as follows (4/5 vote required):
 - a. \$189,920 from carry-in of Nurses Workforce Investment grant funds; and
 - b. \$84,447 from carry-in of INCLUSION Year 4 grant funds; and
2. Approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with the County of Sonoma, Human Services Department for a maximum of \$155,000 for the term July 1, 2005 through September 29, 2006 to implement Project INCLUSION and the Disability Program Navigator (DPN) project known as COMPASS; and
3. Approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with Private Industry Council of Solano County, Inc. dba Workforce Investment Board of Solano County, Inc. for a maximum of \$40,000 for the term July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 to implement the DPN project known as COMPASS.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Today's action includes a budget transfer of \$274,367 to the Regional Training Employment FY 05-06 budget from carry-in FY 04-05 unspent grant funds. Offsetting revenue will come from the State of California, Employment Development Department and U.S. Department of Labor.

In addition, the agreements before the Board today represent allocation of regional grant funding to Sonoma County and the Workforce Investment Board of Solano County (WIBSC) for the purpose of serving people with disabilities seeking employment. WIBSC chose only to be a partner in the Disability Program Navigator grant known as COMPASS and therefore will not receive INCLUSION funding.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	California State Employment Development Department and U S Department of Labor - Nurses Workforce Investment Grant and Year 4 of INCLUSION
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Napa County has been awarded federal and state grants and therefore has entered into contracts with Federal and State agencies. Distribution of the grant funds to the four counties meets the requirements of those contracts.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	None
Consequences if not approved:	The County of Napa will not be able to meet its regional grant obligations to its Federal and State funding sources.
Additional Information:	None

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no Environmental Impact for this item.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Projects INCLUSION and COMPASS were designed to be implemented in the four counties of Napa, Sonoma, Marin and Solano. The Board originally approved Project INCLUSION in the fall of 2001 and Project COMPASS in the Fall of 2003. Since original approval of the grants, there have been some increases in allocations and additional funding has passed through Napa County to the four counties.

The overall goal of these grant projects is to maximize the capacity and outcomes of the One-Stop Centers and their partners to effectively serve people with disabilities; this is to be accomplished through customized employment strategies, partner building, and service navigation programs and to integrate these strategies into policy and practice of the One-Stops and their partners to increase employment, choice and wages for youth and adults with disabilities.

Today's proposed action will: 1) approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$274,367 to the Regional Training Employment FY 05-06 budget with offsetting revenue from the State of California and U.S. Department of Labor; and 2) approve subagreements with the County of Sonoma and the Workforce Investment Board of Solano County (WIBSC) to fund activities to develop and coordinate a comprehensive system of partners to deliver more accessible employment services to adults with disabilities and institute a program navigator service to help individuals with disabilities obtain services.

The agreements are coming to your Board late due to budget authorization delays at the State level. The County

recently received the promised funding in our Workforce Investment Act master agreement to implement the regional disability navigator activities delineated within the scope of this agreement with the County of Sonoma and WIBSC. Further delays in processing by partner county's have also contributed.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Howard Siegel