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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: John Tuteur - Registrar of Voters
Elections
REPORT BY: John Tuteur, Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk, 253-4459
SUBJECT: Assessor-Recorder -County Clerk Requests Approval of Resolution and Contract with Secretary of State for Election Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (EAID)

RECOMMENDATION

Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk requests the following:

1. Adoption of a resolution approving a contract with the California Secretary of State to implement the Elections Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (EAID) Program under Section 261 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA); and
2. Approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a revenue agreement with the California Secretary of State for a maximum of \$15,289 for the term June 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 for the purpose of providing federal reimbursement funds to assist in implementing the EAID under HAVA.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Napa County is eligible for up to \$15,288.86 in Federal reimbursement funds to assist in implementing the Election Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (EAID) Grant Program under Section 261 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). To receive these funds the Board must adopt a Resolution and execute a contract with the Secretary of State. Funds can be used for assessing the accessibility of polling places, equipment for improving accessibility, training materials and programs for staff and poll workers, and educational materials for staff, poll workers and the public. The County has until June 30, 2007 to spend the money.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) section 261 funding for Election

	Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (EAID) Grant Program. Napa County's allocation is \$15,288.86.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	These funds are needed to insure accessibility of polling places, education of voters and poll workers and training of poll workers and staff on issues regarding disabled voters.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	There is no commitment for additional programs beyond the grant funding. However, additional funding may be available in future years from the same or other sources.
Consequences if not approved:	Napa County will not receive available Federal funds to reimburse County expenditures for accessibility, education and training requirements.
Additional Information:	None

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: General Rule. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the proposed action may have a significant effect on the environment and therefore CEQA is not applicable. [See Guidelines For the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, 14 CCR 15061(b)(3)].

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

As part of the Section 261 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) supplied funding to California Secretary of State to provide for improving accessibility to and participation in the elections process for individuals with the full range of disabilities. Napa County is eligible for up to \$15,288.86 in Federal reimbursement funds to assist in implementing the Election Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (EAID) Grant Program. This grant is awarded for the following categories of activities:

1. Polling Place Accessibility-Make polling places, including the path of travel, entrances, exits and voting areas of each polling facility, accessible to individuals with the full range of disabilities;
2. Equal Opportunity-Provide the same opportunity for access and participation (including privacy and independence) to individuals with the full range of disabilities as for other voters;
3. Accessibility Training-Train elections officials, poll workers, and election volunteers on how best to promote the access and participation of individuals with the full range of disabilities in elections for Federal office; and
4. Access Information-Provide individuals with the full range of disabilities with information about the accessibility of polling places.

This grant funding will allow the County's elections department to enhance accessibility and participation in the elections process for individuals with the full range of disabilities in Napa County.

County has until June 2007 to spend the grant money.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Maiko Klieman