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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: John Tuteur - Registrar of Voters
Elections
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SUBJECT: Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk requests approval of Amendment 1 to Revenue Agreement 6635 for Election Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities

RECOMMENDATION

Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Revenue Agreement No. 6635 with California Secretary of State to extend the term of the Agreement to June 30, 2008.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On May 23, 2006, the Board approved revenue Agreement No. 6635 with the California Secretary of State for the purpose of providing federal reimbursement funds of up to \$15,288.86 for expenditures related to implementing the Elections Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (EAID) Program under Section 261 of HAVA. The proposed amendment extends the term of the Agreement to June 30, 2008 from its original expiration date of June 30, 2007.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	Help America Vote Act (HAVA) discretionary funds
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	The County is mandated to comply with the Help America Vote Act including providing equipment to comply with the Elections Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Program. This Agreement enables the County to request reimbursement for those expenditures.

Is the general fund affected? Yes

Future fiscal impact: These funds will reduce the County cost of equipment for Elections Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program.

Consequences if not approved: County will be obligated to expend local general fund dollars to meet Federal and State requirements without possibility of reimbursement.

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

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.

On May 23, 2006, the Board approved Revenue Agreement No. 6635 with the California Secretary of State to obtain this reimbursement from HAVA funds for expenditures related to implementing the EAID provisions of HAVA. Approximately \$8,000 has been expended to date and the expiration date of the Agreement is June 30, 2007. The proposed amendment extends the term of the contract to June 30, 2008, to allow for the possibility of additional expenditures and reimbursement in the coming fiscal year.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Gratton