NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randolph F. Snowden - Director Health & Human Services
REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst - 253-4720
SUBJECT: Agreement with Napa Valley College (GREEN)

RECOMMENDATION
Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with Napa Valley College for a maximum of $39,627 for the term June 29, 2010 through March 31, 2011 to provide Energy Training Certificate programs for individuals participating in Workforce Investment Act programs.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
On February 2, 2010, the Board approved a revenue agreement with Sonoma County for the Green Regional Education and Employment in the North Bay (GREEN) Program. Approval of the recommended action will enable Napa Valley College to provide Energy Training Certificate programs for the "green" industry to individuals participating in Workforce Investment Act programs.

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: This agreement is discretionary in that Napa County is not mandated to provide the services nor contract with this contractor. Approval of this contract will enable the Health and Human Services Agency to utilize the Green
Regional Education and Employment in the North Bay (GREEN) Program funding to provide eligible participants with educational training opportunities, of which 60.5% is Energy Commission State Energy Program (SEP) funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), and 39.5% is Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funding under ARRA.

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: This agreement terminates March 31, 2011.

Consequences if not approved: If this agreement is not approved, the Health and Human Services Agency's workforce program unit, which serves unemployed and underemployed workers who seek job placement and training services, will need to find an alternative provider for training in green industries or forgo utilizing the GREEN funding.

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 February 2, 2010, the Board approved a revenue agreement with Sonoma County in the amount of $221,577 to promote the use of industry sector strategies for addressing the need for skilled workers in the industries related to energy efficiency, water and renewable energy. This funding will be used primarily for unemployed construction workers who are interested in being trained/certified Green Building Professionals, Building Performance Evaluators, or Water/Energy Auditors. Approval of the agreement with Napa Valley College will enable the College to increase its capacity to teach additional students in the emerging technology occupations and the ability to purchase training equipment needed for these new courses. This contract also covers the tuition fees for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) participants to attend the new “green” courses.

Participants enrolled in WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker programs are eligible to participate in an education and/or training program if it is determined that it is necessary for them to attain their employment goal and they are deemed suitable for the coursework. The training vendor must be on the statewide Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) if WIA funds are used to pay for client training costs. Napa Valley College is an eligible training provider. Public institutions such as Napa Valley College are preferred training vendors. The funding is provided through a County of Sonoma Green Regional Education and Employment in the North Bay (GREEN) Grant, of which 60.5% is Energy Commission State Energy Program (SEP) funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and 39.5% is WIA funding under ARRA.

Napa Valley College is a local vendor.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None
CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Collins