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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: JoAnn Melgar for Howard Himes - Director
Health & Human Services Administration
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SUBJECT: Agreement with The Community Foundation of the Napa Valley, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with The Community Foundation of the Napa Valley, Inc. for an annual maximum of \$25,000 for the term June 6, 2017 through June 30, 2018 to provide support of the "One Napa Valley Initiative," a naturalization assistance program for qualified Napa County residents.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Napa Valley Community Foundation (NVCF) recently released a comprehensive analysis of the economic and fiscal impact of immigration on Napa County. The analysis underscored the positive economic contributions that the local immigrant population makes to the local economy. In response to the study and supporting research, NVCF has developed the One Napa Valley Initiative (ONVI), a naturalization assistance program for qualified County residents. ONVI will be implemented by means of service agreements with contracting non-profit organizations including the International Institute of the Bay Area, Legal Aid of Napa Valley, On the Move/McPherson Neighborhood Family Resource Center, and Puertas Abiertas Community Resource Center.

The proposed agreement will provide support for naturalization assistance services for qualified County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes

Where is it budgeted?	Health & Human Services Administration
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Approval of the recommended agreement is discretionary in that there is no mandate to contract with Napa Valley Community Foundation.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	This agreement ends June 30, 2018. Appropriations in Fiscal Year 2017-2018 will be budgeted accordingly.
Consequences if not approved:	Naturalization services will not be as readily available for County residents.
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

The Napa Valley Community Foundation (NVCF) recently released a comprehensive analysis of the economic and fiscal impact of immigration on Napa County. The analysis underscored the economic contributions that the local immigrant population makes to the local economy. The study also concluded that foreign-born Napa County residents eligible for citizenship become citizens at a lower rate compared to the statewide average. Naturalization of foreign-born populations has been correlated with such outcomes as higher levels of family income, higher educational attainment for the children of immigrants who naturalize, increased English proficiency, and increased spending by immigrant populations in the local economy.

In response to the study and supporting research, NVCF has developed the One Napa Valley Initiative (ONVI), a naturalization assistance program for qualified County residents. ONVI will be implemented by means of service agreements with contracting non-profit organizations including the International Institute of the Bay Area, Legal Aid of Napa Valley, On the Move/McPherson Neighborhood Family Resource Center, and Puertas Abiertas Community Resource Center.

Specifically, NVCF will support the contracted agencies by:

- | conducting outreach and offering information and education to County residents with legal standing to seek citizenship on the benefits of citizenship;
- | offering application assistance and related services to residents seeking to naturalize; and
- | assisting County residents with citizenship interviews and examination preparation including civics and English-for-naturalization classes.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Bret Prebula