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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tracy Schulze - Auditor-Controller
Auditor - Controller

REPORT BY: Tracy Schulze, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER - 299-1733

SUBJECT: Acceptance of a reimbursement grant for OpenGov in the amount of \$18,000

RECOMMENDATION

Auditor-Controller requests authorization to accept a reimbursement grant from Innovate Your State, in the amount of \$18,000 to offset the purchase and implementation cost of "OpenGov", an internet financial transparency tool.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Innovate Your State, a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to educating and encouraging public participation to fundamentally improve government, is offering grant reimbursements to California County Governments that purchase the OpenGov financial analysis platform. The Auditor-Controller is in support of this platform and has purchased this software, and is requesting approval to accept the grant.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	The purchase of the software was included in the Auditor-Controller's adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16, the grant was subsequently announced and therefore would reduce Net County Cost.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Napa County purchased the software to enhance transparency to the public regarding the County's finances. Innovate Your State is offering grants to offset

the cost of the software purchase and the County is eligible for funds that would offset Net County Cost.

Is the general fund affected? Yes

Future fiscal impact: The annual maintenance cost for the software is \$15,000. The grant is a one-time reimbursement for the initial purchase price and implementation cost.

Consequences if not approved: If this action is not approved, the County would not receive the benefit of offsetting the cost of the software.

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

Innovate Your State, a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to educating and encouraging public participation to fundamentally improve government, is offering grant reimbursements to California County Governments that purchase the OpenGov financial analysis platform. The Auditor-Controller has purchased this software for implementation, and is requesting approval to accept the grant.

The software will allow the County's financial data to be viewed and analyzed on the County's website by the public. The program allows the users to see the information in a variety of graphical views as well as reports, broken down by fund, department, expense/revenue category, and checkbook transactional data. Implementation will occur over the next six months, and is expected to be made available to the public in early 2016.

The Auditor-Controller has researched OpenGov over the past year and a half and has been impressed with its capabilities and continued development. The State Controller's office and many counties and cities throughout the State are already utilizing this program, which will allow each public entity to provide financial data in a consistent and clear format. The goal is to provide transparency to where our money goes as well as where it comes from, along with transaction data through a checkbook view.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan