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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Molly Rattigan for Minh Tran - Interim County Executive Officer
County Executive Office
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SUBJECT: Professional Services Agreement with Fair Housing Napa Valley

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with Fair Housing Napa Valley for a maximum of \$120,000 per fiscal year for the term July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 with an automatic renewal every fiscal year thereafter, for the provision of fair housing services to Napa County residents.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Napa County is a California Development Block Grant (CDBG) recipient, and is required by CDBG and other federal funding sources to promote fair housing, and have a system for receiving and referring complaints of housing discrimination to the Federal Department of Employment and Housing. Approval of today's action will allow Napa County to contract with Fair Housing Napa Valley for the provision of fair housing services to the community to counsel landlords and tenants of their rights and responsibilities, provide homeownership counseling, and to provide public outreach about housing discrimination.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Affordable Housing Health & Human Services Central Services

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	Appropriations will be budgeted accordingly in future fiscal years.
Consequences if not approved:	If not approved, the County will not comply with Community Development Block Grant and other federal funding requirements, and victims of unfair housing practices in the unincorporated areas of the County will not be able to receive fair housing services.

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 Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly known as the Fair Housing Act, provided for equal housing opportunities regardless of race, creed, or national origin, and prohibited discrimination concerning the sale, rental, and financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin, gender (since 1974), and families and people with disabilities (since 1988).

In 1974, the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) was established to work with cities and counties to improve the lives of low and moderate income residents through the creation and expansion of community and economic development opportunities in support of livable communities. CDBG requires its participants to promote fair housing, and maintain a system for receiving and referring complaints of housing discrimination to the Federal Department of Employment and Housing. The same provision exists in other revenue agreements for Federal funds.

In previous years the County of Napa, in support of the Federal Fair Housing Act, and as a recipient of the Community Development Block Grant and other Federal funding, has contracted with Fair Housing Napa Valley (FHNV) for the provision of fair housing services. Due to a loss in funding sources, Fair Housing Napa Valley encountered financial issues. In the last two years, Napa County and the City of Napa worked with the Napa Valley Community Foundation to help FHNV to become a financially sustainable non-profit organization. In Fiscal Years 2015-16 and 2016-17, as part of the financial support the County provided, the County entered into a trial agreement by which Community Foundation was to oversee the operations of FHNV and helped stabilize the organization to become self sustaining in future years. Today's action will allow the County to contract directly with Fair Housing Napa Valley through June 30, 2018 with the option to extend the agreement at the end of each fiscal year. Funds will be provided by the Affordable Housing Fund (\$40,000), Health and Human Services (\$40,000), and the Central Services (\$40,000). FHNV also receives support from the City of Napa, City of Napa Housing Authority, City of American Canyon, City of Calistoga, City of Vallejo, Town of Yountville, Community Foundation, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Carlos Solorio