

County of Sonoma
Agenda Item Summary Report

Clerk of the Board Use Only
 Meeting Date
 ___/___/___
 Agenda Item No: _____

Department: Human Services

4/5 Vote Required

Contact:
 Gail Goring

Phone:
 (707) 565-5869

Board Date:
 April 7, 2009

Deadline for Board Action:
 April 7, 2009

AGENDA SHORT TITLE: Interim Assistance MOU

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Approve Resolution authorizing the Human Services Department Director, or her designee, to sign an agreement with California Department of Social Services to provide Interim Assistance and receive subsequent reimbursement.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

ADDL FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Estimated Cost	\$	249,000.00	Contingencies	\$	000.00
			(Fund Name:)		
Amount Budgeted	\$	249,000.00	Unanticipated Revenue	\$	000.00
			(Source:)		
Other Available Approp. (Explain Below)	\$	000.00	Other Transfer(s)		000.00
			(Source:)	\$	
Additional Requested:	\$	000.00	Total Source of Funds:	\$	000.00

Explanation (if required):

Costs of providing Interim Assistance are part of the FY 2008-09 Human Service Department budget. Costs are 100% reimbursed, so there is no net cost to the county.

Prior Board Action(s):

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:

The Human Services Department will be unable to receive reimbursement for Interim Assistance provided for basic needs of applicants for benefits of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or State Supplementary Payment (SSP).

Background:

The General Assistance (GA) program provides assistance with shelter, food and employment services for individuals who are disabled or unemployed and not supported financially by friends, family or any private or public assistance program. GA is totally funded by county general funds and is mandated by the Welfare & Institutions Code. Some GA recipients may have applied and be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or State Supplementary Payments (SSP) through Title XVI of the Social Security Act, but have not yet received those benefits. In these cases, General Assistance is provided, but the recipient signs an Interim Assistance Agreement to allow the county to be reimbursed for GA benefits paid.

After a recipient is granted SSI/SSP benefits, the Interim Assistance Agreement provides for the county to deduct county-paid assistance from any SSI/SSP payment granted and the remaining SSI/SSP funds be distributed to the claimant. Estimated Interim Assistance reimbursements in FY 08/09 are \$249,000 and are included in the approved FY 2008-09 Human Service Department budget. Costs are 100% reimbursed, so there is no net cost to the county.

Agreement #08-6034 “Agreement for Reimbursement to California’s Interim Assistance Agencies” provides the vehicle for the county to receive reimbursement for interim general assistance. This Agreement is entered into in accordance with the Agreement between the State of California and the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, to implement the provisions of U.S. Public Law 93-368 and Section 10553 of California Welfare and Institutions Code, for the purpose of assuring the availability of reimbursement by the Commissioner to the IA agency for interim assistance paid. Agreement #08-6034 replaces Agreement #19048 dated July 1, 1989.

Recommendation

The Board is requested to approve a resolution authorizing the Human Services Department Director, or her designee, to sign an agreement with the California Department of Social Services to provide Interim Assistance and receive subsequent reimbursement.

Attachments: Resolution

On File With Clerk:
Sample agreement.

CLERK OF THE BOARD USE ONLY

Board Action (if other than "Requested")

Vote: