

County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

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Meeting Date
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Agenda Item No:

Department: Human Services

4/5 Vote Required

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Board Date:

June 16, 2009

Deadline for Board Action:

June 16, 2009

AGENDA SHORT TITLE:

Child Care Reserve Unanticipated Revenue

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustments to the Human Service Department's 2008-09 Final Budget in the amount of \$885,929 (4/5th vote required).

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

ADDL FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

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| Estimated Cost | \$ | 885,929.00 | Contingencies | \$ | 000.00 |
| | | | (Fund Name:) | | |
| Amount Budgeted | \$ | 00.00 | Unanticipated Revenue | \$ | 885,929.00 |
| | | | (Source: State of California) | | |
| Other Available Approp. (Explain Below) | \$ | 00.00 | Other Transfer(s) | \$ | 000.00 |
| | | | (Source:) | | |
| Additional Requested: | \$ | 885,929.00 | Total Source of Funds: | \$ | 885,929.00 |

Explanation

Funds are from state CalWORKs child care reserve funds. There is no cost to the county.

Prior Board Actions(s):

June 10, 2008: Approved unanticipated child care revenue for the Human Service Department's 2007-2008 budget.

November 6, 2007 - Authorized budgetary adjustments to the Human Service Department's 2007-2008 Final Budget.

September 18, 2007: Approved Human Service Department's 2007-2008 budget.

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:

Non-approval would result in the loss of funds to the Human Services Department to provide child care assistance to SonomaWORKS participants.

Background:

The Board of Supervisors is requested to approve a resolution authorizing adjustments to the Human Services Department FY 2008-09 Final Budget, in the amount of \$885,929. These funds come from state CalWORKs child care reserve funding.

CalWORKs Child Care Funds

SonomaWORKS, Sonoma County’s CalWORKs program, pays child care for an average of 251 CalWORKs families monthly while they work or participate in welfare-to-work activities, such as vocational training. An average of 369 children per month have their child care paid for by SonomaWORKS child care funding. Sonoma County’s 2008-2009 CalWORKs allocation included \$4,649,518 for child care. Based on the Human Service Department’s most recent estimates, all of these child care funds will be spent before the end of the fiscal year.

The State Department of Social Services recognizes that counties often need more child care funds than the amount initially allocated at the beginning of the year, especially when participants are engaged in finding jobs through welfare-to-work activities. To address this issue, the state allows counties to apply for additional funds when expenditure patterns indicate need.

As in past years, Sonoma County applied for additional child care funds from the state’s CalWORKs child care reserve funds. As a result of this request, the state has awarded Sonoma County an augmentation of \$885,929 in CalWORKs child care reserve funds for FY 2008-2009. These child care funds are anticipated to meet the needs of the SonomaWORKS families through the end of the current fiscal year.

Recommendation:

Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustments to the Human Service Department’s 2008-09 Final Budget in the amount of \$885,929.

Attachments:

Resolution

On File With Clerk:

None

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote:

