

County of Sonoma	Clerk of the Board Use Only Meeting Date ____/____/____ Agenda Item No: _____
Agenda Item Summary Report	

Department: Human Services			<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required
Contact: Karen Fies	Phone: (707) 565-8501	Board Date: June 16, 2009	Deadline for Board Action: June 16, 2009

AGENDA SHORT TITLE:
2009-2010 Service Agreement Renewals with Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:
Authorize the Director of the Human Services Department, or her designee, to sign service agreement renewals for the 2009-2010 program year with Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire for SonomaWORKS Employment Services, Community Service, and the Learning Enhancement & Achievement Program (LEAP) and to sign any future amendments that do not significantly change program content and do not increase overall funding. (\$1,357,107)

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
Estimated Cost	\$	1,357,107.00	Contingencies (Fund Name:)	\$	000.00
Amount Budgeted	\$	1,357,107.00	Unanticipated Revenue (Source: State of California)	\$	000.00
Other Available Approp. (Explain Below)	\$	000.00	Other Transfer(s) (Source:)	\$	000.00
Additional Requested:	\$	000.00	Total Source of Funds:	\$	000.00

Explanation (if required): Funds are included in the 2009-2010 Human Services Department budget. Source of funds is SonomaWORKS. There is no cost to the County. All contracts contain a provision that funding is contingent upon receipt of grant funds.

Prior Board Action(s):
 June 2008 – Approved funding recommendation and authorized signature of service agreement for Employment Services; approved contract renewals for Community Services and LEAP.
 June 2007 – Approved funding recommendations and authorized signature of service agreements for Community Service and LEAP, approved contract renewal for Employment Services.
 June 2006 – Approved contract renewals for Employment Services, Community Service, and LEAP.
 June 2005 – Approved funding recommendations and authorized the Director of Human Services to sign contract with Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire for Employment Services; approved contract renewals for Community Services and LEAP.

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:
Non-approval would delay services to SonomaWORKS participants.

Background: *Copies of the agreements are on file with the Clerk of the Board*

The Board of Supervisors is requested to authorize the Director of the Human Services Department, or her designee, to sign service agreement renewals with Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire (GIRE) for the 2009-2010 program year for Employment Services, Community Service, and Learning Enhancement & Achievement Program; and to sign any future amendments that do not significantly change program content and do not increase overall funding.

Future of CalWORKs Funding

The three GIRE service agreement renewals under consideration in this Board Item are funded by SonomaWORKS, Sonoma County’s CalWORKs program. The future of CalWORKs funding is not known at this time. Because of California’s budget crisis, the Governor has proposed eliminating the CalWORKs program; however, in the opinion of County Counsel, Sonoma County has an obligation to provide CalWORKs services until legislative action has occurred and we are officially directed otherwise by the State of California. Ten other Bay Area counties are moving forward with their CalWORKs funded programs, despite the Governor’s stated intention. In order to protect the County, in the event of the discontinuation of CalWORKs, each contract contains the following clause:

“Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, Contractor acknowledges that any payments to be made to it, as provided herein, shall be expressly contingent upon the receipt of sufficient SonomaWORKS grant funds by County. County’s obligations hereunder may be satisfied only out of SonomaWORKS grant funds received and allocated expressly for this Agreement.”

SonomaWORKS Employment Services - \$855,920

The Employment Services program is in the second year of a three year contracting period. A Request for Proposals (RFP) for SonomaWORKS Employment Services was last issued March 17, 2008. Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire, as lead agency for The Employment Group, was the sole proposer.

The SonomaWORKS Employment Services program provides job search assistance to SonomaWORKS participants on a countywide basis. The program will offer a rigorous schedule and curriculum with a self-sufficiency focus, as well as a participation support team to improve the county’s Work Participation Rate. In addition, the contract provides funding for employer outreach.

Community Service - \$391,987

The Community Service agreement is in the third year of a three-year contracting period. A Request for Proposals (RFP) for SonomaWORKS Employment Services was last issued March 12, 2007. Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire, as lead agency for The Employment Group, was the sole proposer.

Attachments: None

On File With Clerk: Service Agreements

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote:

The Community Service program provides unpaid work experience and training to SonomaWORKS participants to enhance their employability. The program offers life skills workshops, weekly structured job search, and job retention services. Specialized services are provided for monolingual participants and participants in remote areas of the County.

Learning Enhancement & Achievement Program (LEAP)- \$109,200

The LEAP agreement is in the third year of a three-year contracting period. A Request for Proposals (RFP) for SonomaWORKS Employment Services was last issued March 12, 2007. Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire was the sole proposer.

The Learning Enhancement & Achievement Program will serve SonomaWORKS participants by identifying learning disabilities and developing accommodation plans to reduce the barriers these disabilities may present to participants' employment and self-sufficiency.

Recommendation:

Authorize the Director of the Human Services Department, or her designee, to sign service agreement renewals with Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire for the 2009-2010 program year for the Employment Services program, the Community Service program, and the Learning Enhancement & Achievement Program and to sign any future amendments that do not significantly change program content and do not increase overall funding.