

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:

2009-2010 Service Agreement Renewals

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Authorize the Director of Human Services, or her designee, to sign renewals of service agreements for program year 2009-2010 for SonomaWORKS and Job Link services, and to sign any future amendments that do not significantly change program content and do not increase funding. (\$148,110)

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

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

Explanation (if required): Funds are included in the 2009-2010 Human Services Department budget. Sources of funds are CalWORKs and the Workforce Investment Act. 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):

Agreements for the Volunteer Center and Legal Aid were previously approved by the Board of Supervisors for each fiscal year since FY 2004-2005.

February 26-May 13, 2008: Approved amendments to the agreement with Sharona Elfus-Schatzkin for Job Search & Career Development Workshops.

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:

Alternative funding could be sought to provide these services, which assist SonomaWORKS and WIA participants in obtaining jobs and achieving self-sufficiency. Non-approval would delay services to SonomaWORKS and WIA participants.

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

The Board of Supervisors is requested to authorize the Director of Human Services, or her designee, to sign service agreement renewals for the 2009-2010 program year for two SonomaWORKS programs: Referral to Legal Services and Information & Referral Services and one Job Link Program: Job Search & Career Development Workshops, and to sign any future amendments that do not significantly change program content and do not increase funding.

Legal Aid of Sonoma County -Referral to Legal Services: \$50,000

Sonoma County Legal Aid will provide information and referrals for participants who need help with legal issues that present barriers to employment. Services will include workshops on resources available to resolve legal issues and clinics on family law, child custody and support, landlord/tenant relationships, and other topics affecting personal stability and employment success. Funds will not be used to pay participants' fines or other legal obligations. The estimated number of participants to be served is 100. The service provider for this agreement was procured through a Request for Proposals issued March 12, 2007. Source of funds for this agreement is CalWORKs.

Volunteer Center– Information and Referral: \$70,110

The agreement with the Volunteer Center provides information and referral (I&R) services at the Human Services Department's intake center on Paulin Drive. The Volunteer Center recruits, trains, and supervises I & R volunteers and maintains, manages, and staffs Sonoma County's 2-1-1 program, which is an automated twenty-four-hour human services telephone referral service. This agreement was made through a single-source procurement, based on the unique 2-1-1 services provided. Source of funds for this agreement is CalWORKs.

Future of CalWORKs Funding

The above two 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.”

Attachments: None

On File With Clerk: Service Agreements

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote:

Background Cont'd:**Sharona Elfus-Schatzkin – Job Search & Career Development: \$28,000**

The Human Services Department contracts with several individuals to provide workshops in Job Search and Career Development at the One-Stop Career Center, Job Link. Ms Elfus-Schatzkin is an established workshop facilitator with the Employment & Training Division, and is available to present these workshops on a continuous basis. These services were procured through a Request for Applications in 2008. Sources of funds for this agreement are the Workforce Investment Act and CalWORKs.

Recommendation:

Authorize the Director of Human Services, or her designee, to sign service agreement renewals for the 2009-2010 program year for SonomaWORKS and Job Link services; and to sign any future amendments that do not significantly change program content and do not increase funding. (\$148,110)