

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:
July 21, 2009

Deadline for Board Action:
July 21, 2009

AGENDA SHORT TITLE:

Unanticipated Revenue from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and New Ways to Work

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

- A. Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustments to the 2009-2010 Final Budget for the Human Services Department in the amount of \$408,421 (4/5th vote required).
- B. Authorize the Director of the Human Services Department, or her designee, to sign amendments to the agreements for the 2009 Summer Jobs Program and to sign any future amendments that do not significantly change program content and do not increase overall funding.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

Estimated Cost	\$	408,421.00	Contingencies	\$	00.00
			(Fund Name:)		
Amount Budgeted	\$	00.00	Unanticipated Revenue	\$	408,421.00
			(Source: State of California)		
Other Available Approp.	\$	00.00	Other Transfer(s)	\$	00.00
			(Source:)		
(Explain Below)	\$				
Additional Requested:	\$	408,421.00	Total Source of Funds:	\$	408,421.00

Explanation (if required): Funds are from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act / Workforce Investment Act youth funding and New Ways to Work (provided under a grant from the Sonoma County Water Agency). There is no cost to the County.

Prior Board Action(s):

June 16, 2009: Approved Sonoma County Water Agency Agreement with New Ways to Work
June 2, 2009: Approved Sonoma County Human Services Department agreements with local service providers for the 2009 Summer Jobs Program

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:

The 2009 Summer Jobs Program would be unable to place an additional 76 youth and young adults into ecology and conservation related summer jobs. The local service providers for the 2009 Summer Jobs Program would also be unable to access the program coordinator and transportation funding available through New Ways to Work.

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

The Board of Supervisors is requested to approve a Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustments to the 2009-2010 Final Budget for the Human Services Department in the amount of \$408,421. Funds are from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act / Workforce Investment Act youth funding and New Ways to Work (provided under a grant from the Sonoma County Water Agency). The Board is also requested to authorize the Director of the Human Services Department, or her designee, to sign amendments to the agreements for the 2009 Summer Jobs Program and to sign any future amendments that do not significantly change program content and do not increase overall funding.

The Summer Jobs Program is funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the Workforce Investment Act, with the purpose of providing summer jobs for Workforce Investment Act eligible youth and young adults. These funds are made available through the U.S. Department of Labor, and are under the general administration of the State of California and, locally, by the Sonoma County Human Services Department, under the policy direction of the Sonoma County Workforce Investment Board and its Youth Education & Employment Services Council.

The majority of the summer jobs projects will be provided under a unique partnership known locally as the Summer Youth Ecology Corps, in which conservation and ecology-related projects are being organized by New Ways to Work (a community-based agency focusing on youth employment) in collaboration with the Sonoma County Water Agency, Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, and other agencies. These conservation and ecology-related projects will then be completed by youth and young adults in the Summer Jobs Program work crews.

In addition to the work crew structure, service providers may also use individual work experience sites in public and private non-profit worksites as an option. For example, a clerical or administrative worksite might be developed at a local non-profit to provide work experience for a participant who cannot perform physically-demanding labor.

When preparing the 2009-2010 budget, an initial estimate of \$871,890 of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act youth funding was anticipated. Since then, the state has released the actual American Recovery and Reinvestment Act youth allocation of \$1,202,716, an increase of \$330,826. The department will also receive \$77,595 in grant funds from New Ways to Work (provided under a grant from the Sonoma County Water Agency) to help offset the project coordination and transportation costs of the Summer Jobs Program.

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Attachments:

Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustments to the Human Services Department's 2009-2010 Final Budget

On File With Clerk: Amendments to the 2009 Summer Jobs Program agreements

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote:

Uses for Unanticipated Revenue

\$308,437 of the additional American Recovery and Reinvestment Act youth funding will be added to the appropriation for the 2009 Summer Jobs Program agreements with the local service providers. Under the original Summer Jobs Program agreements it was anticipated that 256 youth and young adults would be placed in summer jobs through the local service providers. With the increased American Recovery and Reinvestment Act youth funding, we anticipate that an additional 76 youth and young adults will be placed, for a total of 332 summer jobs in Sonoma County.

The \$77,595 of funding from New Ways to Work (provided under a grant from the Sonoma County Water Agency) will be used to augment the youth service provider agreements to fund regional Project Coordinators who will be the primary point of contact in each region of the county, and are responsible for the overall successful implementation of the Summer Youth Ecology Corps. This funding will also be used by the youth service providers to offset the transportation costs associated with delivering work crews to the various worksites.

Of the remaining additional American Recovery and Reinvestment Act youth funding, \$18,000 will go to the Auditor's Office to have the six new agreements fiscally monitored, and the remaining \$4,389 will help fund other anticipated costs including fingerprinting, Work-Ready certificate assistance from the Sonoma County Office of Education, and Extra Help staff.

Recommendation

Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustments to the 2009-2010 Final Budget for the Human Services Department in the amount of \$408,421. Authorize the Director of the Human Services Department, or her designee, to sign amendments to the agreements for the 2009 Summer Jobs Program and to sign any future amendments that do not significantly change program content and do not increase overall funding.