

**County of Sonoma  
Agenda Item Summary Report**

Clerk of the Board Use Only  
Meeting Date  
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Agenda Item No:  
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**Department:** Human Services

**4/5 Vote Required**

**Contact:**  
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**Board Date:**  
August 4, 2009

**Deadline for Board Action:**  
August 4, 2009

**AGENDA SHORT TITLE:** Execution of the Funding Agreement between California Department of Transportation and contracts with two community agencies implementing contract goals.

**REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:**

Authorize the Director of Human Services Department, or designee, to sign and execute California Department of Transportation Standard Agreement 648725 for August 1, 2009-July 31, 2011 in the amount of \$187,179 and to amend the agreement, provided amendments do not increase the total county cost and do not substantially change the scope of the work

Authorize the Director of Human Services Department, or designee, to sign and execute standard agreement with the Sebastopol Area Senior Center and Vintage House Senior Center for services to implement grant goals.

**CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**EXPENDITURES**

**ADDL FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL**

Estimated Cost	\$	187,179.00	Contingencies	\$	000.00
			(Fund Name: )		
Amount Budgeted	\$	187,179.00	Unanticipated Revenue	\$	000.00
			(Source: Dept. of Transportation)		
Other Available Approp. (Explain Below)	\$	000.00	Other Transfer(s)		000.00
			(Source: )	\$	
Additional Requested:	\$	0.00	Total Source of Funds:	\$	000.00

**Explanation** (if required):  
Funds are included in 2009-2010 Budget

**Prior Board Action(s):**

03/11/08 Board Approved Standard Agreement, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Grant #-08-MTC

**Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:**

The transportation grant funds will be unavailable to Sonoma County seniors.

**Background:**

The Adult and Aging Division and the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) have identified “accessible, reliable transportation” as either the greatest or one of the greatest unmet needs for seniors, adults with disabilities, and non-English speaking persons. These at-risk populations, often low income and living in rural areas, are especially isolated and in critical need of transportation services. Yet, if they live outside the primary bus routes, they cannot readily access employment, education, medical, or social services. Traditional forms of transit and paratransit also do not meet the needs of many older adults who have stopped or reduced driving. Low-cost, senior-friendly alternative transportation for those who are unable to use public transportation to get to work, medical appointments, shopping, and other services is a critical identified need.

The Adult and Aging Division was awarded New Freedom (federal) funds from California Department of Transportation, Division of Mass Transit to coordinate mobility management activities and expand existing community transportation programs. The west county and Sonoma Valley were identified as high need, isolated rural communities of concern in the Sonoma County Transportation Authority planning process.

The Sebastopol Area Senior Center and Vintage House Senior Center were designated as eligible subcontractors in the grant application. Both agencies have current volunteer driver programs, are identified as community focal points in the Sonoma County Area Agency on Aging Area Plan 2009-2012 and are able to provide the required matching funds to the grant.

The \$187,179 one-year grant will be used to fund:

- Full-time planner position in the Adult and Aging Division that was unfunded for 2009-2010 (salary and benefits: \$130,221).
- Administrative Cost (\$13,163)
- Trip software (\$5,000)
- PR advertising (\$5,000)
- Contract with Sebastopol Area Senior Center to support volunteer driver program; these funds will augment an existing grant (\$5,795)
- Contract with Vintage House Senior Center to support volunteer driver program (\$28,000)

The staff will provide professional, technical support to the AAA Advisory Council Transportation and Mobility Committee and manage grant contracts. The program will:

- Identify and promote best practices in transportation and mobility services;

**Attachments:** Resolution

**On File With Clerk:** Standard Agreement

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**Board Action** (If other than "Requested")

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**Vote:**

**Background continued:**

- Support new volunteer driver program in Sonoma Valley which will provide approximately 1,00 rides to over 150 seniors;
- Increase ridership of the Sebastopol volunteer driver program in the Guerneville area
- Improve transportation choices for residents of low-income communities through collaborations with existing transit providers in the county; and
- Identify and secure funding for services, including CalTrans, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, National Center for Senior Transportation, and private foundations.

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