

<b>County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report</b>			Clerk of the Board Use Only Meeting Date ____/____/____ Agenda Item No: _____	
<b>Department:</b> Human Services			<input type="checkbox"/> <b>4/5 Vote Required</b>	
<b>Contact:</b> Karen Fies	<b>Phone:</b> (707) 565-8501	<b>Board Date:</b> August 18, 2009	<b>Deadline for Board Action:</b> <b>August 18, 2009</b>	
<b>AGENDA SHORT TITLE: SonomaWORKs Contracts Reductions/Terminations</b>				
<b>REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:</b> Ratify the Human Services Department Director's reductions and terminations to the SonomaWORKS agreements specified in this agenda item transmittal. Agreements to be reduced are with Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire: Employment Services and Community Service; the Volunteer Center: Information & Referral Services/2-1-1; and YWCA: Domestic Abuse Counseling & Referral Services. Agreements to be terminated are with Legal Aid of Sonoma County: Referral to Legal Services; Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire: Learning Enhancement & Achievement Program (LEAP); and four independent contractors who provide professional services to test for Learning Disabilities.				
<b>CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT</b>				
<u><b>EXPENDITURES</b></u>			<u><b>ADDL FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL</b></u>	
Estimated Cost	\$	(581,563.00)	Contingencies (Fund Name: _____)	\$ 000.00
Amount Budgeted	\$	581,563.00	Unanticipated Revenue (Source: _____)	\$ 000.00
\$ \$ (Explain Below)		000.00	Other Transfer(s) (Source: _____)	\$ 000.00
Additional Requested:	\$	0.00	Total Source of Funds:	\$ 0.00
<b>Explanation</b> (if required): Reductions in state allocations necessitate reductions in agreements.				
<b>Prior Board Action(s):</b> June 16, 2009 – Approved SonomaWORKS agreements for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.				
<b>Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:</b> Other program reductions would need to be made in order for the program to not overspend its federal and state allocations which would negatively impact general fund.				

**Background:**

The Board of Supervisors is requested to ratify the Human Services Department Director’s reductions and terminations to the SonomaWORKs agreements specified in this agenda item transmittal. Contract provisions give the Human Services Department Director, in consultation with County Counsel, the authority to terminate agreements on behalf of the County.

The Department, after consultation with County Counsel, provided a thirty-day notice dated 7/29/09 and 7/30/09 to SonomaWORKs contractors that will reduce, and in some cases terminate, their contracts for the balance of the current fiscal year. Agreements to be reduced are with Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire: Employment Services and Community Service; the Volunteer Center: Information & Referral Services/2-1-1; and YWCA: Domestic Abuse Counseling & Referral Services. Agreements to be terminated are with Legal Aid of Sonoma County: Referral to Legal Services; Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire: Learning Enhancement & Achievement Program (LEAP); and four independent contractors who provide professional services to test for Learning Disabilities. A summary of those contracts with funding details, impact on clients served and alternative services available in the community is attached.

The State budget signed by the Governor included a \$375 million statewide reduction to the employment services and child care portions of the CalWORKs program in each of the 2009-10 and 2010-11 budget years. We estimate Sonoma County’s share of this reduction to be \$3.75 million from our annual allocation of \$19.3 million, a 19.43% reduction. Of the \$3.75 million cut, \$581,563 is being reduced from contracted services, representing 11.58% of the cost of all Employment & Training Division contracts. Staff are developing a plan for the \$3,168,437 balance of the reduction for CalWORKs that will include reductions in staffing, child care and other supportive services for clients. The CalWORKs reductions will be combined with other department reductions, all of which is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Supervisors on September 1, 2009.

We do not make these reductions to our CalWORKs partners lightly. In cases where we have terminated the contracts for the balance of the year, these agreements are enhancements to the program that are not mandated by the program that we cannot afford to continue given our substantial reduction in funding. All contractors have been contacted and are aware of these reductions.

The State budget trailer bills signed by the Governor hold counties harmless for any federal penalties incurred in 2009-10 and 2010-11. Therefore, any SonomaWORKS client unable to participate in the program due to a reduction or termination in these agreements will not be negatively sanctioned due to their lack of participation in welfare-to-work activities.

**Recommendation**

The Board of Supervisors is requested to ratify the Human Services Department Director’s reductions and terminations to the SonomaWORKs agreements specified in this agenda item transmittal.

**Attachments:**

2009-10 Contract Reductions and Terminations

**On File With Clerk:** None

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

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**Vote:**