

County Of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

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 Agenda Item No: Agenda Item No:
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Department: Health Services

4/5 Vote Required

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Board Date:
9/1/2009

Deadline for Board Action:
9/1/2009

AGENDA SHORT TITLE: Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Authorize the Director of Health Services to execute contracts for HIV housing-related services for FY 09-10, subject to County Counsel review, and any future amendments that do not significantly change the scope of work (\$347,857).

Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustment to the FY 09-10 Final Budget within the Special Revenue Fund – Department of Health Services, in the amount of \$31,657 (requires 4/5 vote).

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES:

ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL:

Estimated Cost	\$374,040	Contingencies (Fund Name:)	\$0
Amount Budgeted	\$340,000	Unanticipated Revenue (Source: HOPWA)	\$34,040
Other Available Appropriations (Explain Below)	\$2,383	Other Transfers (Source: Realignment)	(\$2,383)
Additional Requested	\$31,657	Additional Funds Requested	\$31,657

Explanation (if required): Award funds of \$2,383 will be used to reduce the draw on Health Realignment. Therefore the Department is appropriating \$31,657 of the \$34,040 increase in award.

Prior Board Action: 3/17/09 – Authorized Amendment to HOPWA Standard Agreement #07-65542 and amendments to services contracts for FY 08-09; 1/27/09 - Authorized services contracts for FY08-09; 7/10/07 - Authorized HOPWA Standard Agreement #07-65542 for July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2010 and services contracts for FY07-08.

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval: Lost opportunity to provide housing-related assistance to persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Background:

In October 1994, the Board of Supervisors appointed the Sonoma County Commission on AIDS (the Commission) to serve as the Sonoma County HIV Health Services Planning Council in fulfillment of Ryan White Comprehensive Resources Emergency (CARE) Act requirements. Since 1994, the Department of Health Services (Department) staff has worked with the Commission to design an HIV Health Services Plan for the allocation of Ryan White Part A funds. In September 2006, the Commission approved a FY 07-08 Priority Plan for HIV Services incorporating funding from Ryan White Parts A and B, Minority AIDS Initiative, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and County AIDS Priority Grants funding. The Commission subsequently extended approval of the plan through 2010 with yearly updates of funding priorities.

The State Office of AIDS makes federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOPWA funds available to the County of Sonoma for housing counseling, search and referral assistance, tenant-based rental assistance, and emergency financial housing assistance. In July 2007, the Board authorized the Director of Health Services to execute a HOPWA State Standard Agreement for the term July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2010 to receive \$374,040 annually. These funds may be used for a range of housing assistance and support services for individuals with HIV/AIDS to prevent homelessness and help improve their health status.

The HOPWA services providers for the FY 09-10 were selected through a competitive Request for Proposal process in early 2009. Services funded by HOPWA for FY 09-10 include:

1. Face to Face provides housing search assistance (\$70,000), client housing case management (\$50,000), and other supportive services including drug abuse treatment, mental health treatment, and nutrition counseling (\$6,000) for a total of \$126,000.
2. Food for Thought provides tenant-based rental assistance (\$131,757) and emergency financial housing assistance (\$90,100) for a total of \$221,857.

The Department will use \$2,383 to reduce the draw on Health Realignment and the remaining \$23,800 for staff and costs to administer the HOPWA program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

In anticipation of a possible reduction in HOPWA funding, the FY 09-10 Final Budget amount is \$340,000, or \$34,040 less than the actual FY 09-10 award of \$374,040. Of the additional \$34,040 received, the Department will use \$2,383 to reduce the draw on Health Realignment and appropriate the remaining \$31,657. There is no contribution from the General Fund.

Attachments:

Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustment in the amount of \$31,657.

On File With Clerk: None.

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote: