



Legislation Text

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Health and Human Services Agency, recommending the Board:

- 1) Adopt and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution **083-2017** delegating authority to the Health and Human Services Agency Director through June 30, 2018, on behalf of the County, to accept funding and execute all necessary documents required to secure and maintain Revenue Agreements from funding sources or granting agencies, as specified on Attachment A to the Resolution, as included in the Approved Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget, or as previously approved separately by the Board, in order to provide for the operation of Health and Human Services Agency programs, and contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management, as applicable;
- 2) Delegate authority to the Health and Human Services Agency Director to execute, on behalf of the County, additional documents related to those funding/revenue agreements, grants and allocations, which do not increase net County cost, and amendments thereto, if any, and contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management, as applicable; and
- 3) Approve and authorize the Health and Human Services Agency Director, Assistant Director of Administration and Finance, or Chief Fiscal Officer to execute any required fiscal and programmatic reports for said funding agreements and allocations.

FUNDING: Federal, State, Local, and City Funding sources.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) recommending the Board approve a Resolution delegating authority to the HHS Director to accept and execute funding/revenue agreements, grants, and other funding allocations (Revenue Agreements) from funding sources/granting agencies that have been previously approved by the Board, as either part of the HHS's operating budget or as a separate Board approved item, or as specified in Attachment A to Resolution **083-2017**. This will help to ensure continuity of services currently provided to the residents of the County. The list attached to the Resolution is intended to identify the various funding sources/granting agencies on which HHS will act, and not limit the delegation to a specific contract period or term.

Historically, many funding agreements, grants, and funding allocations are received late with short approval and processing deadlines from the granting agency causing a delay in funding and resulting in a reduced level of service or additional cost to other funding sources, including the General Fund to sustain the program operation during the Board approval process. Also, if additional funds are added during the period of the funding/revenue agreement, an amendment is required before funds can be used. The amendments may occur toward the end of the funding period, resulting in short periods of time to approve funding and expend the funds on services to our community prior to the end of the funding period.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND:

The Board of Supervisors Policy A-6, Grant Applications, establishes the Board as the sole authority for accepting grant awards and approving grant agreements. In accordance with this Policy, HHS has presented funding/revenue agreements, grants, and other funding allocations to the Board for approval.

HHSA currently has multiple funding agreements, grants, or other allocations from various funding sources that are the mainstay for the operation and/or support of multiple programs across the Agency. These Revenue Agreements have been previously accepted and approved by the Board of Supervisors. Since 2007, HHSA has processed an average of thirty revenue agreements each year, many of which are on-going funding and include renewals or amendments to prior year agreements.

Beginning with fiscal year (FY) 2015-16, HHSA has submitted a Resolution to the Board for adoption that lists the existing (previously approved) funding grants, allocations and agreements and requests delegation of authority to the HHSA Director to execute the associated grants, allocations and agreements for a specified FY. This process has increased the efficiency and processing associated agreements and documents, thereby decreasing the amount of time required to process funding documents. This increased efficiency allows the impacted programs to begin providing services to the target population without undue delay, eliminating any additional cost to other funding sources, including the General Fund, to sustain the program operation during the Board approval process.

Examples of programs that receive funding under these Revenue Agreements include Home Energy Assistance, Home Weatherization, In Home Supportive Services Public Authority, Public Housing Authority, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Multipurpose Senior Service Program, Public Guardian, Senior Day Care, Senior Nutrition, Senior Legal, Public Health Preparedness, Disease Prevention and Control, Substance Abuse Disorders, Behavioral Health, and the Workforce Investment Act Programs. Many of these programs provide critically important support or resources to the residents of El Dorado County.

These funding sources have historically been stable and reasonably predictable, and as a result, are included in HHSA's annual budget. As a matter of practice, and in compliance with Board Policy A-6, HHSA brings each Revenue Agreement, as well as amendments thereto, to the Board to accept funding and delegate authority to the Director to execute associated documents.

These Revenue Agreements are often received from the funding source late (immediately before or after the start of the funding period) and in many cases require a short approval timeline and return to the granting agency in order to avoid loss of funding. Program costs incurred cannot be applied against the funding until after the Revenue Agreement (or amendment) has been approved by the Board and the granting agency. This ultimately impacts HHSA by shortening the period of time to charge allowable costs against the approved funding which can result in a reduction to the amount of services provided to the community or an increase in general fund or other funding source expenditures to support the cost of program operations prior to the approval of the funding.

ALTERNATIVES:

Disapproval of the Resolution will mean that HHSA will continue to process Revenue Agreements, grants, and allocations and will then seek Board approval for each on an individual basis.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve this item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of the Resolution will allow HHSA to continue to process funding, allocation and grant documents and any amendments thereto, if any, in a timely manner through June 30, 2018, contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management, as applicable. This will reduce delays and mitigate the potential loss of funding due to short approval and processing deadlines imposed by the funding entity. In addition, delays in receipt of fully executed Revenue Agreements (and amendments thereto) by the funder, delays receipt of funding and decreases the time available to expend the funds and preventing programs from expending all of the funds prior to the conclusion of the Revenue Agreement.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

- 1) Clerk of the Board to obtain the Chair's signature on Resolution.
- 2) Clerk of the Board to provide one (1) certified Resolution and one (1) Certified Minute Order to HHSA Contracts Unit at 3057 Briw Road.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT:

N/A

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