



Legislation Text

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Health and Human Services Agency recommending the Board consider the following:

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Agreement for Services 404-O1511 with El Dorado Community Foundation, to manage a charitable fund for senior services programs and activities to be known as the County of El Dorado Senior Services Fund for the term commencing upon final execution and continuing until terminated by one of the parties thereto, and contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management; and
- 2) Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to execute further documents relating to Agreement for Services 404-O1511, including amendments and contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management.

FUNDING: Donations.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) recommending approval of this Agreement for Services 404-O1511 contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management, to create and establish an additional and ongoing revenue source for the programs and activities that support seniors in the community.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND:

HHSA administers and coordinates an array of services and programs that promote the health and well-being of older adults throughout the community. Senior services programs directly administered by HHSA currently include the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP), Senior Day Care, Adult Protective Services, Senior Peer Counseling, Area Agency on Aging programs such as Senior Nutrition, Senior Legal Services, Elder Abuse Prevention, Family Caregiver Support Program, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Senior Activities, Information and Assistance, Senior Health Education Program, You Are Not Alone (YANA) Telephone Reassurance Program, and Senior Shuttle services. Additional senior services and activities delivered in coordination with HHSA include the Annual Older American's Day Celebration, Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP), Commission on Aging, AARP Tax Assistance, and the Transen Program in South Lake Tahoe.

HHSA senior services programs and activities are funded by various Federal and State grant funds, fees for services, donations, and County General Fund contribution. The cost of operations for senior services programs has steadily increased while Federal and State revenue has remained flat or decreased in certain program areas, requiring additional General Fund Contribution for continuation of services at traditional levels.

Generous members/residents of the El Dorado County community have indicated they would like to donate funds to the County specifically for use by the senior services programs. The El Dorado Community Foundation is able to manage a charitable fund. Revenue generated from the charitable fund will decrease General Fund contributions to the programs in future years, provide opportunities to increase services available for seniors, and maintain fees for services affordable for clients and their families.

On November 17, 2014, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 198-2014 which authorized HHSA to establish a charitable fund specifically for the HHSA Senior Day Care Services Program. It was subsequently determined that a charitable fund accessible for use by all senior services programs and activities, including Senior Day Care, would be a more effective approach.

On March 3, 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 035-2015 which superseded and replaced Resolution 198-2014 to include all HHSA senior services programs and activities.

ALTERNATIVES:

Disapproval of Agreement 404-O1511 would prevent HHSA from utilizing innovative alternative revenue sources that would benefit the community via senior safety net programs.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel and Risk Management.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve this item contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no Net County Cost associated with this Agenda item.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

1. Upon receipt of final documents, approved by County Counsel and Risk Management, Clerk of the Board to obtain the signature of the Chair on two (2) original Agreements for Services 404-O1511.
2. Clerk of the Board to return one (1) fully executed Agreement to HHSA at 3057 Briw Road.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT:

Health and Human Services Agency Strategic Plan Project 2 Fiscal Responsibility: To develop and sustain Agency resources through thoughtful planning and efficient practices, and foster accountability and ownership at all levels of the Agency.

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