



# County of El Dorado

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## Legislation Text

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Health and Human Services Agency, Social Services Division, recommending the Board approve and ratify the Director's signature on a letter supporting Child Advocates of El Dorado County's application to Run for Courage, Inc. for beneficiary grant funding to support victims of commercial sexual exploitation and domestic minor sex trafficking.

**FUNDING:** Run for Courage, Inc. Beneficiary Grant Funding to the Grantee.

**Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost**

The letter of support has no financial impact on the County.

**Background**

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) El Dorado, known locally as Child Advocates of El Dorado County, provides specially trained and supervised community volunteers to advocate on the behalf of abused and neglected children by investigating and monitoring cases involving children in foster care.

In 2013, the Foster Youth and Human Trafficking (FYHT) Task Force was formed in El Dorado County to respond to the growing epidemic of commercial sexual exploitation of children. The El Dorado County FYHT Task Force is comprised of local representatives from the Sheriff's Office, City Law Enforcement Agencies, Probation Department, District Attorney's Office, Health and Human Services Agency (Child Welfare Services, Mental Health and Public Health Divisions), County Counsel, El Dorado County Office of Education, and Child Advocates of El Dorado County.

Run for Courage, Inc. is a local non-profit founded to eradicate human trafficking by promoting awareness and supporting organizations that provide restorative services to survivors and prevention services to vulnerable at-risk youth. Child Advocates of El Dorado County has applied to Run for Courage, Inc. for 2015 beneficiary grant funds.

**Reason for Recommendation**

Child Advocates of El Dorado County has requested a letter to support their application to Run for Courage, Inc. to fund services to support the victims of commercial sexual exploitation and domestic minor sex trafficking.

The Agency is recommending retroactive approval and ratification of the Director's signature on the letter of support as the request from Child Advocates of El Dorado County was not received in time to obtain Board of Supervisors approval prior to the August 12, 2014 deadline.

**Clerk of the Board Follow Up Actions**

None.

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