



Legislation Text

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Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Division, recommending the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support to El Dorado Community Foundation in support of the Endow El Dorado 2017 Grant to South County Large Animal Rescue.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) recommending the Board authorize the Chair to sign a letter to the El Dorado Community Foundation to support a grant funding award to South County Large Animal Rescue (SCLAR) for the purchase of additional provisions and materials required for transporting, handling and housing of livestock.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND:

The El Dorado Community Foundation considers several types of competitive grant requests, one being the Endow El Dorado Grant. The Endow El Dorado 2017 Grant is open to all nonprofits in El Dorado County and is designed to inspire new ideas with the possibility of responding to previously unmet needs of local residents.

The County Office of Emergency Services through County of El Dorado Animal Services has collaborated with SCLAR for over 10 years to promote and conduct safe evacuations of large animals and livestock. The County's Animal Services, in particular, partners with SCLAR to provide education and trainings, awareness campaigns, and to promote efforts to increase coverage in El Dorado County during fire season.

Recently, County of El Dorado has experienced severe wildland fires threatening populations which contain many large and livestock animals. The importance of awareness and preparedness for disaster response is crucial to the survival and wellbeing of livestock. SCLAR is experiencing a severe shortage of provisions and materials for transporting, handling and housing of livestock.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could decide not to support the grant funding award to SCLAR.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve this item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

1) Clerk of the Board to obtain signature of Chair on one (1) original of the letter of support and mail to addressees.

2) Clerk of the Board to return one (1) copy of signed letter of support to the HHS Contract Unit at 3057 Briw Road.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT:

N/A

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