



# County of El Dorado

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## Legislation Text

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Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Division, recommending the Board approve a grant application to the University of California, Davis for a Model eHealth Communities Implementation Support Supplemental Grant on behalf of Access El Dorado and ratify the signature of the Director on the application. As required by Board Policy A-6, the Health and Human Services Agency Public Health Division submitted a letter noting that the application cannot be considered binding until ratified by the Board of Supervisors.

**FUNDING:** University of California, Davis, Model eHealth Communities Grant.

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

There is no Net County Cost associated with this grant. If this application is successful, the County could receive \$5,000 to support design, implementation, and analysis of County telehealth activities as well as implementation of the Access El Dorado (ACCEL) Model eHealth Communities program.

### **Background**

The Health and Human Services Agency Public Health Division (HHS/PHD) became aware of this grant opportunity September 13, 2012, and immediately began preparing the application, which had a submission deadline of September 30, 2012. Since the HHS/PHD was unable to bring the application to the Board prior to the submission deadline, a letter was included with the application stating the application was not binding until approved by the Board.

### **Reason for Recommendation**

Approval of this funding grant will assist the HHS/PHD, acting as fiscal agent for the grant, with implementation costs of the Model eHealth Communities Program. Proposed use for the funding includes (1) continuing work on the design, implementation, and evaluation of telemedicine use for the Psychiatric Health Facility, (2) development of a continuing education course for telemedicine providers through the ACCEL program, and (3) assessment performed by the County epidemiologist regarding the effectiveness and efficacy of telepsychiatry as used by the County programs.

### **Action(s) to be taken following Board approval**

HHS/PHD to provide copies of Board Minutes to U.C. Davis demonstrating Board approval of the Model eHealth Communities Implementation Support Supplemental grant application.

### **Contact**

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