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Legislation Text

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Acting as the Governing Board of the El Dorado County Public Housing Authority:

Health and Human Services Agency, Community Services Division, recommending the Board consider the following:

- 1) Accept a grant award in the amount of \$58,894 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for Family Self-Sufficiency Program funding during calendar year 2014; and
- 2) Authorize the Director of the Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to sign any required fiscal and programmatic reports and to perform any and all administrative responsibilities in relationship to said funding.

FUNDING: 100% Federal Funding.

BUDGET SUMMARY:	
Coordinator Position	\$60,674
Federal FSS Funding Award.....	\$58,894
Federal Admin Funding....	\$ 1,780
Net County Cost.....	\$0

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost

There is no Net County Cost associated with this funding. Sufficient appropriations are included in the FY 2013-14 Budget and remaining funds will be included in the Agency's Recommended FY 2014 -15 Budget.

Background

The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) publishes a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) each year for qualified public housing authorities to apply for new or continuing Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Coordinator position funding. On September 6, 2013, HUD released a NOFA for FY 2013 Housing Choice Voucher FSS Program funding. The NOFA did not allow for any increases over the amount of funds for FSS Coordinator positions awarded in 2013. The funds received under this NOFA can only be used to pay the wages of the FSS Coordinator, including fringe benefits.

The FSS Program is a component of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program (formerly known as Section 8). The FSS Program is designed to help HCV families obtain employment that will lead

to economic independence and self-sufficiency. The FSS Program provides assistance with education, job counseling, housing, and job placement. The El Dorado Public Housing Authority (PHA) establishes an escrow account for the FSS participating family and credits to this account a portion of the increase of rent paid that normally results from increases in the earned income of family members during the term of the FSS contract. Upon successful graduation from the program, participants receive the funds from their escrow account. The PHA has administered the FSS Program since 1995.

The PHA does not have additional funding available for the administration of this program. Should the funding award not be accepted, the PHA would have to apply to HUD for an exception to cease operation of the FSS Program.

Reason for Recommendation

On October 4, 2013, the PHA submitted an application to HUD for calendar year 2014 FSS Coordinator funding in the amount of \$59,902. On December 31, 2013, HUD announced the Housing Choice Voucher FSS awards for 2014. HUD has awarded the PHA \$58,894 in 2014 FSS Program funding. The award is being brought before the Board for acceptance in accordance with Board of Supervisors Policy A-6, Grant Applications.

Action(s) to be taken following Board approval

Provide the Health and Human Services Agency, at Briw Road, with one (1) Certified Minute Order.

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Concurrences:

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