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Human Services Department requesting authorization to submit an application to the El Dorado Community Foundation for a Women's Fund grant in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 to provide direct financial assistance during the period June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010 to help at least twenty-five (25) women to remove barriers to economic self-sufficiency and/or emotional well-being; and, if awarded, authorize the Director to accept and deposit an award check or execute a subsequent grant agreement contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management.

**FUNDING:** El Dorado Community Foundation Grant (if Application is funded).

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: No change.

No direct County Match is required. Funding awards are to be announced June 1, 2009 for a grant period of June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010. If the Application is funded, grant proceeds will be deposited into Community Services Fund 11-107, and a budget transfer request will be submitted to establish a budget for this Project.

**Reason for Recommendation:**

El Dorado Community Foundation has announced the availability of funding and is seeking proposals for programs to benefit the community in support of the Women's Fund 2009 focus on basic needs of food, shelter, clothing and health care for women. Human Services (DHS) is seeking grant funding in an amount up to \$10,000 to conduct a Project that will assist at least twenty-five (25) women who are current or prior DHS clients by providing product-specific purchase cards or direct payments to vendors or organizations in amounts up to \$800 per client to pay for specific products or services related to identified focus areas, the lack of which have been identified as barriers to achieving or maintaining economic self-sufficiency and/or emotional well being and for which all available community resources have been exhausted. Based on identified needs, the types of direct financial assistance provided could range from payment of utility costs to ensure a healthy home environment to payment for prescription or OTC medicines or payment to a landlord of all or part of up front costs associated with securing a rental unit. DHS staff will identify clients who may benefit from this type of assistance during eligibility determination and service provision activities and make referrals to a DHS Program Coordinator designated as Women's Fund Grant Project Coordinator who will devote approximately 2% of her time to assess applicant eligibility and arrange for direct assistance as warranted.

**Action to be taken following Board approval:**

Human Services to submit the El Dorado Community Foundation Grant Women's Fund Application by the April 10, 2009 deadline.

If the Application is funded, Human Services shall obtain necessary approvals, execute any grant documents, establish a Project budget and initiate Project activities in accordance with provisions of the grant application and in compliance with County requirements and procedures.

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Concurrences: N/A