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Legislation Text

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Human Services Department (DHS) recommending authorization for the Chairman to sign a required Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Risk Assessment Certification for submittal to the California Department of Community Services and Development by October 15, 2009. (Refer 10/6/09, Item 10)

FUNDING: Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Community Services Block Grant Funds.

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: There is no cost associated with this Risk Assessment Certification.

Background:

The California Department of Community Services and Development has offered Contract 09F-5110 in the amount of \$175,375, for the term July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 for provision of Community Services Block Grant American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (CSBG ARRA) services. DHS presented this contract, as well as an amended El Dorado County CSBG ARRA Local Plan detailing how this funding will be used, for Board approval and execution on October 6, 2009 (item 10).

Reason for Recommendation:

The California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) is responsible for administering U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) ARRA funding in California. Due to requirements associated with Federal Stimulus funding that are passed along by the Federal Government to the State of California, then to the local jurisdictions, time has been and continues to be critical in complying with requirements and preparing to expend this available revenue source.

CSD, as the Grantee and lead State of California agency, must submit a CSBG ARRA Risk Assessment to the U.S. DHHS by October 30, 2009 and has required that each local subrecipient agency receiving CSBG ARRA funding submit a local certification by October 15, 2009.

The CSBG ARRA Risk Assessment is similar to those risk assessment documents required and prepared by DHS annually for other federal funding sources as part of the County Single Audit process. The certification states that "a risk assessment has been conducted to assure appropriate expenditures of Community Services Block Grant funds received through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This risk assessment addressed previous audit or monitoring findings within the last three years, a review of existing internal controls, a review of statutory and regulatory compliance, and a review of equipment and property procedures to assure a direct relationship to CSBG services. Where potential risks have been identified, appropriate risk mitigation measures and

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compensating controls have been identified".

Submittal of the required CSBG ARRA Risk Assessment Certification to CSD by the October 15, 2009 deadline will ensure El Dorado County's continuing eligibility for receipt of CSBG ARRA funding.

Action to be taken following Board approval:

Board Clerk to provide Human Services at Briw Road with two (2) CSBG ARRA Risk Assessment Certifications signed by the Chairman.

Human Services to distribute as appropriate.

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Concurrences: N/A