

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # *B-3

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AGENDA DATE May 3, 2011

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Approval to Accept an Anonymous Donation and Pledge to be used for Clean and Sober Living Programs through the Community Services Agency

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept an anonymous donation and pledge to be used for Clean and Sober Living programs.
2. Accept future donations and pledges to be used for Clean and Sober Living programs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

A donation has been made to the County which is recommended to be accepted by the Board of Supervisors and to be used to match unused Child Welfare Services program funds to provide for clean and sober living programs critically needed in our community.

The donated Funds will be deposited into a newly created interest bearing special revenue fund in the Community Services Agency. Private donations can be made to Stanislaus County for use as local match to draw down State dollars. There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2011-270

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa and approved by the following vote, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Chairman Monteith

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

Various Clean and Sober Living programs are designed to support families involved in the Child Welfare System (CWS). As the budget situation has declined, Stanislaus County has also seen a decline in available Sober Living beds in the community due to reductions in local discretionary County Match funds used to draw down State and Federal dollars. Clean and sober residential programs, for parents and their children, are not mandated and as a result, match funds have not been available in the past two fiscal years to continue various contracts with community based providers for these critically needed services. In Fiscal Year 2010-2011, local child welfare funding for Clean and Sober Living was eliminated from the Community Services budget.

In December, 2010, Supervisor O'Brien was contacted by various community members who are committed to a community based response to provide Clean and Sober Living services by donating private funds to these programs. The use of privately donated funds can leverage unused State funds to save and enhance the level of programs in the community without a negative impact to the County's General Fund.

A donor wishing to remain anonymous has indicated a desire to contribute private funds to the County for Clean and Sober Living Services to be contracted with a new non-profit agency created for this purpose. Acceptance of this and future anonymous donations will allow the County to access State dollars and support a community need for services that improve the health and well being of families in our community.

A pledge of \$159,000 has been made for the provision of these programs through the end of June, 2012 and the initial donation of \$9,000 has been received by the Chief Executive Office. This initial donation and pledge will leverage over \$530,000 in unused CWS State funding, which will be augmented with approximately \$400,000 in StanWORKs funding, for a total of over \$900,000 through June 12, 2012, which could provide an estimated 40 clean and sober beds in our community.

With the Board of Supervisors acceptance of this initial donation and future pledges to deposit private funds on a quarterly basis, to the total pledge amount, staff will return to the Board of Supervisors on May 10, 2011 with a recommended contract for clean and sober living services.

POLICY ISSUES:

Approval of this item supports the Board's priorities of A Healthy Community, Effective Partnerships and Efficient Delivery of Public Services by providing a

response to a community need for services that create a stronger safety net for
children and families

STAFFING IMPACT:

There are no staffing impacts associated with the acceptance of this donation.

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