

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

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # *B-10

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE June 18, 2013

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Submit California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Challenge Award Applications for the Community Services Agency/Valley Recovery Resources Project and for the Department of Child Support Services/Probation Department Project

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize County staff to submit California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Challenge Award applications for the Community Services Agency/Valley Recovery Resources Project and for the Department of Child Support Services/Probation Department Project.
2. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to finalize and submit the applications.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is a \$75 cost for each award application. \$75 will be paid from the Department of Child Support Services budget and \$75 will be paid from the Community Services Agency budget. There are sufficient appropriations to fund these payments in the current fiscal year.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2013-300

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow

and approved by the following vote,

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

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST:


CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) conducts an annual Challenge Awards program to solicit innovative and creative programs implemented by California counties. Stanislaus County staff is requesting to submit two (2) separate applications for consideration by CSAC for the 2013 Challenge Awards.

Community Services Agency/Valley Recovery Resources

In late 2010 and early 2011, a group of concerned citizens from the business and faith community, approached County Board of Supervisor William O'Brien to strategize how to prevent the closure of clean and sober living facilities for women and children who were involved in the Child Protective Services System. This group of citizens proposed a unique partnership with the County. They offered to form a non-profit (now known as Valley Recovery Resources) and donate the local match to the County so that State and Federal dollars could be matched to fund Clean and Sober Living Services.

On May 10, 2011, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Community Services Agency to enter into an emergency contract with Valley Recovery Resources to provide Clean and Sober Living Services. Included in the agreement was a commitment from Valley Recovery Resources to donate \$144,540 as local match funds. On June 26, 2012, the Board of Supervisors approved to award an agreement for their services in the amount of \$983,675. Funding from Valley Recovery Resources assisted Child Welfare in reaching augmentation funds of up to \$3.1 million. Since Valley Recovery Resources was established, 193 women and 187 children have been served. Child Welfare was able to restore services and staffing.

Department of Child Support Services/Probation Services

The Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) and the Probation Department have collaborated to educate and improve access to child support processes for probationers, improve statewide performance measures and cost effectiveness, and increase child support collections in order to improve family self-sufficiency.

DCSS and the Probation Department share approximately 1,558 participants – individuals who are on probation; owe child support; and have historically, not paid support consistently. This shared population has barriers limiting their ability to pay child support. The partnership was developed to promote education, communication, and collaboration for the purpose of providing payment on cases which had proven to be difficult to collect previously, with the common goal of both agencies being to work toward the best interests of the child. A probation officer is dedicated to this program and funded from the DCSS budget. Since the inception of the partnership, 1021 payments in the amount of \$52,239 have been collected from probationers.

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The probation officer has worked on 72.7% of the shared cases resulting in approximately 320 requests for a license release and every case being reviewed for an appropriately established order. This partnership is the first of its type and has been benchmarked by various counties as a best practice.

POLICY ISSUES:

The Community Services Agency/Valley Recovery Resources project reflects the Board of Supervisors priorities of Effective Partnerships, A Healthy Community and Efficient Delivery of Public Services. This partnership creates the opportunity for innovation, cost-effective services and capacity to serve more people than government could on its own.

The Department of Child Support Services/Probation Department project reflects the Board of Supervisors priorities of Effective Partnerships, A Health Community and Efficient Delivery of Public Services by improving the education and access to county programs and by heightening communication and cooperation between county agencies.

STAFFING ISSUES:

There is no staffing impact associated with this agenda item.

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