



## COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

County Manager's Office



**Date:** August 27, 2012

**Board Meeting Date:** September 11, 2012

**Special Notice / Hearing:** None

**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** John L. Maltbie, County Manager  
Beverly Beasley Johnson, J.D., Director, Human Services Agency

**Subject:** Agreement with Code for America in Partnership with Philanthropic Ventures of Silicon Valley to Increase County Residents' Access to Food

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Code for America Labs, Inc. (CfA) for participation in the 2013 Fellowship Program from September 11, 2012 through November 30, 2013 in the amount of \$330,000.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The County was approached earlier this year by the Philanthropic Ventures Foundation of Silicon Valley and encouraged to apply for Code for America's 2013 Fellowship Program to address the problem of increasing access to food by county residents.

Code for America (CfA) is a non-profit organization led by Web, local government and technology industry leaders who recruit the Web generation to give back to communities through a number of programs. This includes the Fellowship program, which connects technologists with local governments for one year to work together to innovate; the Accelerator program, which supports disruptive civic startups; and Brigade program, which helps local community groups reuse civic software.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The County's application for the 2013 Fellowship Program has been accepted. CfA will provide Fellows who will be selected through a recruitment process. Candidates for this one-year program come from across the country and around the world, with backgrounds ranging from back-end development experience to urban design. The selected Fellows will spend most of their time with the County. They will be using open source software to develop Web applications, which means the applications can be shared with other local governments when completed.

The fee for participating in the program is \$330,000. Philanthropic Ventures Foundation has raised \$130,000 and the County will contribute \$200,000 from the Human Services Agency and General Fund Reserves. The commitment among the County, Philanthropic Ventures Foundation and Code for America is to work together toward ending hunger in San Mateo County, by increasing access of San Mateo County residents to Food, whether by increasing participation in the federal SNAP program, (Cal-Fresh) in California, leveraging all county free and reduced cost food access points, enhancing connections between free and reduced school lunch and CalFresh, senior meals on wheels or congregational food pantries.

Approval of this agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Collaborative Community by ensuring a partnership and funding collaboration with the nonprofit community to increase access to food by San Mateo County residents.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The \$330,000 Fellows Program fee will be included in September final budget revisions for FY 2012-13. This will be funded by \$130,000 from the Philanthropic Ventures Foundation, \$60,000 from the Human Services Agency, and \$140,000 from General Fund Reserves.