



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager



DATE: April 10, 2013
BOARD MEETING DATE: April 23, 2013
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: John L. Maltbie, County Manager
SUBJECT: Amendment to the Agreement with Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF)

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, extending the term through June 30, 2014, and increasing the maximum amount payable by \$500,000 to \$1,000,000
- B. Resolution authorizing an Appropriation Transfer Request in the amount of \$500,000 from Non-Departmental Reserves to Non-Departmental Grants and Contributions

BACKGROUND:

In Fiscal Year 2012-13, the County and the SVCF jointly awarded \$1 million in grants to address the urgent basic needs in the county triggered by the economic downturn. The need for food and shelter services continues. SVCF approached the County early this year to see if there was interest in another joint funding opportunity. At the January 29 Board meeting, your Board directed the County Manager to continue the joint grant program and return to your Board with an Appropriation Transfer Request in the amount of \$500,000 to match funding for Fiscal Year 2013-14 round of funding for the 2013 Food and Shelter Grants Program.

DISCUSSION:

The 2013 Food and Shelter Grant Program will support access to food, shelter and homeless prevention services for families and individuals in areas of most need in the county. Grants will be made to organizations that have a proven track record, existing funding relationship, and collaborative history with SVCF and the County's Health System and Human Services Agency. A smaller number of grants will be awarded to organizations that target specific under-served populations, including re-entry clients.

A total of \$1 million dollars has been designated for this year's grants to food and shelter serving agencies, with \$500,000 coming from the SVCF, and \$500,000 from the County. Approximately one dozen grants are anticipated to be awarded, with the majority of

grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$70,000, and a limited number ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Joint collaborative proposals are highly encouraged for organizations that serve the same client populations and / or geographic regions.

Grant proposals will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- Demonstrated need for the services proposed and the likelihood that a significant number of people from the targeted community will benefit
- Clarity of project description and project activities regarding steps to be taken to achieve desired outcomes
- Achievable timeline that corresponds to the key activities
- Meaningful benchmarks and indicators of success
- Innovative and effective strategy with potential for systems change
- Organizational capacity to implement project, including staffing and leadership and operational and fiscal management
- Established track record in specific program content area or potential to achieve needed content expertise
- Ability to leverage financial, human, and technical resources, leading to greater impact
- Ability to contribute content area knowledge to the field

SVCF and County staff will review all proposals for food and shelter services and recommendations for grants will be sent for approval to the SVCF Donor Experience, Engagement and Giving Board Committee. As part of the review process, applicants may receive a site visit, telephone call, and / or other type of communication. Notification of grant decisions is expected to occur in July 2013.

County Counsel has reviewed the Amendment and Resolution as to form.

The Agreement with SVCF and the 2012 and 2013 Food and Shelter Grant Program contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 of a Collaborative Community by coordinating County and SVCF resources to help meet the food and shelter needs of the neediest County residents.

Performance Measure:

Measure	FY 2012-13 Projected	FY 2013-14 Projected
Number of residents in need that were provided groceries, meals, shelter beds, and client visits.	11,500	11,500

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) transfers \$500,000 from Non-Departmental Reserves to Non-Departmental Grants and Contributions account for this purpose. Funds will be matched dollar-for-dollar by funding from SVCF.