RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-265

MEETING: June 10, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rick Benson, County Administrative Officer

RE: Request for Approval to Apply for National Endowment of the Humanities Grant

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve Applying for a National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH) Digital Projects for the Public grant in partnership with the Planning department and the Historic Sites and Records Commission for a project to create a GIS map layer of historic sites in Mariposa County; Authorize the County Administrative Officer to Sign the Grant Application.

It is recommended that the Board approve an application for the NEH Digital Projects for the Public grant, per the General Plan (sections 1.7 and 14) that emphasizes the important of collection of historical information in Mariposa County.

The Community Development and Grant Coordinator seeks permission to apply for an NEH grant. The grant would be used to fund a project in collaboration with the Historic Sites and Records Preservation Commission (HSRPC) and will assist with the update of county-wide historic sites inventory. The HSRPC is currently inspecting all 260 sites and preparing updated information to document current conditions of the resource.

The County intends to make a GIS layer of historic resources in the county, and have an interactive feature to allow members of the public access to the inventory forms for each site. The interactive website would be hosted on the County's website on the Planning Department's page and would enable website visitors to put their cursor over a parcel and see the actual inventory form/history about the resource.

Since the HSRPC members are volunteers from the community; this project proposes local student intern assistance to more timely complete the update and to provide an opportunity for students to conduct research and use current technology to document and enable display of the resource information. Students will be from the local Mariposa County High School, and from the University of California Merced. This will also facilitate the Business/Community Partnership Agreement that the Board of Supervisors recently approved.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION: Do not approve applying for the National Endowment of the Humanities grant and do not authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign the NEH grant application. The County will be foregoing an opportunity to apply for grant funds to fund these projects.

ATTACHMENTS:
Budget (XLSX)
grant summary (PDF)
NEH grant app - static (PDF)
Resolution_2014-130 (PDF)
Chapter 2 90 HSRPC (PDF)
General Plan Vol 1 - Chapter 14 (PDF)
Esri_QUOTATION_25629651 (PDF)
LapTop (2) (JPG)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson
Mary Hodson, Deputy CAO       6/4/2014

RESULT:      ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:       Janet Bibby, District III Supervisor
SECONDER:    John Carrier, District V Supervisor
AYES:        Merlin Jones, Janet Bibby, Kevin Cann, John Carrier
EXCUSED:     Lee Stetson