RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-283

MEETING: June 17, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: California Youth Connection Grant from Human Services

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a Grant Agreement with California Youth Connection (CYC) to provide support services to Child Welfare and Probation Foster Youth in an amount not to exceed $5,000, and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Agreement.

CYC is a non-profit organization guided, focused, and driven by current and former foster youth with the assistance of other committed community members. The organization is modeled after the successful Canadian Youth in Care Network and is dedicated to youth empowerment, youth development, and policy advocacy. Mariposa youth applied for and were granted a Chapter of the California Youth Connection in December 2010. There are currently 33 county-based chapters. CYC promotes the participation of foster youth in policy development and legislative change to improve the foster care system, and strives to improve social work practice and child welfare policy. This organization provides many opportunities for youth to develop their own leadership styles through one-on-one support and mentoring, specialized training, and unique leadership development opportunities. Members are given numerous opportunities to utilize their skills when speaking directly to decision makers and stakeholders and participating in media interviews to help educate the community on issues important to foster youth.

This grant agreement uses $5,000 designated to be spent on Chapter activities for Mariposa youth as described in Exhibit A of the Grant. Staff will continue to be assigned to travel with youth and community supporters to provide supervision, as needed.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
A previous Grant Agreement was approved by the Board on November 12, 2013 by Resolution 2013-501.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If Human Services does not financially support this Youth project, the Department could continue to process claims for these activities internally through the Auditor and encourage the youth to do community fund-raising to support their activities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This grant is funded within the Social Services Administration budget, unit 001-0501 and is incorporated in the FY14/15 budget. There is no impact the county general fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
California Youth Connection 2015 Grant Agreement  (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson  
Mary Hodson, Deputy CAO  6/10/2014

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Janet Bibby, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Lee Stetson, District I Supervisor
AYES: Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier