DEPARTMENT: Human Services
BY: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly
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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
It is respectfully requested that the Board take note of the information contained in the memo Proposition 10 Mini-Grant Application.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Financial Impact? (X) Yes ( ) No  Current FY Cost: $
Budgeted In Current FY? (X) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $5,000
Additional Funding Needed: $
Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue
Transfer Between Funds
Contingency
( ) General ( ) Other

Annual Recurring Cost: $

Memo from Director of Human Services Department

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No. 59-93-594
Vote – Ayes: ___
Absent: ___
( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of

the original on file in this office.
Date: 
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: 
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
Requested Action Recommended
No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: ___
September 23, 2003

TO: Members, Board of Supervisors
Rich Inman, CAO

FROM: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly

RE: Proposition 10 Mini-Grant Application: $5,000 for specialized training of Mariposa Counseling Center therapists to work with children 0-5 years of age and their families.

Recommendation

It is respectfully requested that your Board authorize the department to submit an application for a $5,000 Proposition 10 Mini-Grant for specialized training of Mariposa Counseling Center therapists to work with children 0-5 years of age and their families.

Background/Current Situation

The Mental Health Department would like to apply for a $5,000 mini-grant to provide one-time funding to upgrade the skills of Counseling Center therapists to more effectively treat young children from 0-5 years of age and their families. The best training available will be secured, either by bringing in an outside expert to the county to do the training onsite or by sending the therapists outside the county for training. All efforts will be made to bring a trainer to the County so that other local therapists and social workers can access the training. Currently the Mariposa Counseling Center (Kings View) therapists are not specifically trained in dealing with the growing neurological and psychological needs of very young children in families damaged by substance abuse and/or domestic violence. The mini-grant funds would be used to train counselors to provide more comprehensive treatment for these children along with their families.

Over the last several years there has been an increase in referrals for families bringing in their 0-5-year-olds for treatment. Over the last two years alone, 30 cases have been opened on clients between 0-5 years of age. This number does not include the families where cases were opened on the parents of children 0-5 years of age. Due to the limited Mental Health budget in recent years, all clinic-sponsored training has been suspended at the Counseling Center. The grant would provide funds to address a growing need with a population that appears to be under served.

Financial

This application could result in a gain of $5,000 for Mariposa Counseling Center to spend on specialized training for staff therapists.