RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes __ No X)

Approve the participation of Mariposa County in the "Regional Council of Rural Counties and Rural Alliance, Incorporation Rural Scholarship Program"; Review and approve selection committee, application, and the selection criteria and process in determining the annual scholarship recipients.

Please see the attached staff report.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

COSTS: (x) Not Applicable
A. Budgeted Current FY
B. Total Anticipated Costs
C. Required Additional Funding
D. Internal Transfers

SOURCE: ( ) 4/5ths Vote Required
A. Unanticipated Revenues
B. Reserve for Contingencies
C. Source Description:

Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:
Staff Report
Letter from Rural Council of Rural Counties
Scholarship Application

CLERKS USE ONLY:
Res. No. 02-25
Vote - Ayes: Noes: Absent:

( ) Approved ( ) Denied
( ) 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

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:
This item on agenda as:

Recommended
Not Recommended
For Policy Determination
Submitted with Comment
Returned for Further Action

Comment:

CAO's Initials: 

Action Form Revised 5/92
MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: MARY HODSON, Staff Analyst
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: “Regional Council of Rural Counties and Rural Alliance, Incorporation Rural Scholarship Program”
Resolution No. 02-95

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on April 2, 2002

ACTION AND VOTE:

Approve the Participation of Mariposa County in the “Regional Council of Rural Counties and Rural Alliance, Incorporation Rural Scholarship Program;” Review and Approve Selection Committee, Application and the Selection Criteria and Process in Determining the Annual Scholarship Recipients (Supervisor Pickard)

BOARD ACTION: Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer, initiated discussion on behalf of Supervisor Pickard. Supervisors Parker and Reilly stated they would prefer that the funds be administered and allocated by the School Foundation or another existing process for the schools. (M)Parker, (S)Balmain, Res. 02-95 was adopted accepting the scholarship program from RCRC, with direction for staff to see if this could be handled through the school organization. Greg Iturria advised that if there is more than one school organization, this could come back to the Board for further determination. Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Excused: Pickard.

cc: File
April 2, 2002

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer

Subject: Regional Council of Rural Counties Scholarship Program

Recommendation
Approve the participation of Mariposa County in the “Regional Council of Rural Counties and Rural Alliance, Incorporation Rural Scholarship Program”; Review and approve the selection committee, application, and the selection criteria and process in determining the annual scholarship recipients.

Background
The Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) and the Rural Alliance, Incorporation (RAI) formed a scholarship program for member counties of the RCRC. A total of $29,000 was included in the 2002 RCRC budget for the scholarship program, with $1,000 allocated to each member county. This funding is available as of January 1, 2002, for use during the ensuing 12-month period. Students attending a college or trade school of any type and for any type of study are eligible for the scholarship funds. If a member county does not use its allocated funding, the money will not be allocated to other member counties nor carried over to future years. RCRC and RAI will administer the program and upon notification by the Board of Supervisors, will disburse the funds directly to the recipient(s) of the scholarship(s). The $1,000 may be given to one recipient or divided between two recipients. The scholarship will be awarded as the “Regional Council of Rural Counties and Rural Alliance, Inc. Rural Scholarship Program,” and in the name of the respective county’s Board of Supervisors.

Discussion
To keep the scholarship selection process simple and uncomplicated, the following is suggested:
⇒ The selection committee will consist of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the Board’s representative to RCRC.
⇒ Two scholarships of $500 each available to local high school seniors.
⇒ To be eligible, the applicant must be a resident of Mariposa County, graduating from high school or completing the General Equivalency Diploma (GED) by June of each year, and have plans of attending a college or trade school.

⇒ To compete for the scholarship, the applicant must complete an application and submit an essay of a maximum of 500 words. The essay should describe their educational goals and how they might use their post-secondary education to benefit the communities and residents of Mariposa County.

⇒ The scholarship program will be announced to the school district, local high schools, and in the local newspapers.

⇒ The application deadline will be the end of April and the selection process will take place during the first part of May, with the announcement of the recipients by the end of May.

⇒ Prior the Board's official announcement of the scholarship winners, staff will verify the eligibility of the recipients (either a graduating senior or completing their GED).

⇒ RCRC will be notified of the recipients by formal Board resolution that will give the recipient's name and address, and the amount of the scholarship.

⇒ The recipients must submit evidence of enrollment in a college or trade school to Mariposa County Administration by December of the year the scholarship is awarded.

Fiscal Impact
There is no fiscal impact to the County, as this scholarship program is being provided to increase the education opportunities for rural residents of California, and as a way for RCRC to "give something back" to the member counties.

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