RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2016-555

MEETING: October 18, 2016

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: 2017 LIHEAP 17B-3021 Contract for Energy Assistance and Weatherization

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve the 2017 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Agreement 17B-3021 with the California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) in an amount not to exceed $354,405 to provide energy assistance payments and weatherization services, and authorize the Human Services Director to sign the agreement and all subsequent Amendments (Subject to County Counsel Approval as to Form).

The purpose of LIHEAP, under the auspices of the CSD, is to provide energy assistance and weatherization services to low-income county residents. LIHEAP funds have been allocated to Mariposa County for several years and operate on a program term basis.

In program year 2015-16, this program has assisted 784 low-income households containing 1,879 persons with energy assistance propane, wood, and utility payments and 26 households and 52 persons with weatherization services. A large percentage of these households include vulnerable populations such as seniors, the disabled, children under 5 years, and the working poor.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board approved the previous 2016 LIHEAP Agreement on December 8, 2015 by Resolution 2015-578.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If this Agreement is not approved, Mariposa will lose the grant funds of $354,405 and the opportunity to provide Energy Assistance payments and Weatherization Services to over 810 Mariposa County households.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This program is funded by federal energy assistance grant (LIHEAP) funds. These funds were anticipated and included in the FY16-17 budget for fund 334. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
2017 LIHEAP Contract (PDF)
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2017 LIHEAP Contract Part I and II Final  (PDF)
CSD Form 279 (FFATA Reporting)1   (XLSX)
LIHEAP Certification Regarding Lobbying  (DOC)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Dallin Kimble
Dallin Kimble, Deputy CAO  10/13/2016

RESULT:  ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:  Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER:  Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
AYES:  Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, Kevin Cann
EXCUSED:  John Carrier