RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2016-482

MEETING: September 20, 2016

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mary Hodson, CAO

RE: Grant Agreement with Mariposa County Fairgrounds

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a Grant Agreement with 35-A District Agricultural Association in the Amount of $150,000; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement.

The 35-A District Agricultural Association operates the Mariposa County Fairgrounds, including the annual fair and numerous other agricultural, community, cultural and tourism-related events. In March 2016, the Board received a presentation from the Association indicating that State funding reductions could leave them financially insolvent by the end of calendar year 2017.

During the Final Budget Hearings in August 2016, the Board agreed to a one-time contribution of $150,000 to support fairground operations. This Grant Agreement formalizes what was agreed upon during the budget process.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board agreed to contribute $150,000 to support fairground operations during Final Budget Hearings.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve the Grant Agreement. The 35-A District Agricultural Association may not have sufficient funding to continue operations beyond 2017.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
$150,000 has been included in the FY16-17 Adopted Budget.

ATTACHMENTS:
FY17 County Fair Agreement (DOCX)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier
GRANT AGREEMENT

The AGREEMENT is entered into on the last date written below in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and is between the County of Mariposa, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereafter referred to as “COUNTY,” and the M35-A District Agricultural Association, an agency operating on behalf of the State of California, hereafter referred to as “ASSOCIATION”.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, ASSOCIATION operates the Mariposa County Fairgrounds, including the annual fair and numerous other agricultural, community, cultural and tourism-related events; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY has deemed it in the public interest to provide a grant to ASSOCIATION for this service;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. COUNTY shall provide ASSOCIATION a sum not to exceed ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($150,000) to be used by ASSOCIATION to maintain operations and pursue opportunities for greater operational sustainability.

2. The $150,000 shall be expended solely for purposes that support the Mariposa County Fairgrounds.

3. COUNTY will provide $37,500 payment increments on or before each of the following dates:
   - September 30, 2016
   - December 31, 2016
   - March 31, 2017
   - June 30, 2017

4. ASSOCIATION shall provide an accounting or allow a representative of the COUNTY to conduct a review of financial records related to this Agreement.

5. ASSOCIATION is an independent organization and is not an officer, employee, agent, or servant of the COUNTY.

6. COUNTY shall have authority to terminate this Agreement at any time by providing a notice in writing to ASSOCIATION that the Agreement is terminated. Said Agreement shall then be deemed terminated and no further work shall be performed by ASSOCIATION. If the Agreement is so terminated, the ASSOCIATION shall be paid for that percentage of the phase of work actually completed, based on a pro rata portion of the compensation for said phase satisfactorily completed at the time the notice of termination is received.
SIGNATURES

MARIPOSA COUNTY

JOHN CARRIER
Board/Chair

Date

9-20-16

M35-A DIST. AGRICULTURAL ASSOC.

BRIAN BULLIS
General Manager

Date

9-7-16

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

STEVEN W. DAHLEM, County Counsel