DEPARTMENT: Human Services BY: Tom Archer PHONE: 966-3609
Social Services Div. Jimmie Eustler 966-3696
Community Services

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

Resolution authorizing the chairman to sign Subcontract Agreement with
the Calaveras-Mariposa Community Action Agency (CMCAA).

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The CMCAA Board of Directors has approved continued funding ($7,001) of
the Low-Income Senior Outreach Position created last year with Community
Action Agency funding. This position and funding is currently budgeted in
the 1992-93 County Budget. The CMCAA funding is based on a calendar
year (January through December). The Social Services Division proposal
for a General Assistance Advocacy Program (GAAP) was approved in the
amount of $3,750. The GAAP program proposes to assist General
Assistance recipients who are disabled and need help in applying for
These services will be performed with existing staff. Funding does not
currently exist for this service. We propose expending approximately
$1,000 in the current County fiscal year and the balance ($2,570) in the
next County fiscal year. See attached memo.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1. Reject agreement and lose revenue and associated services to county
residents.
2. Reject agreement and provide services with other resources.

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CLERK’S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 93-340 | Ord. No. | Vote - Ayes: | Noes: | Abstained:

Approved: ___   Denied: ___   Abstained: ___

() Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: ____________

ATTEDIT: 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: ____________________________

A.O. Initials: ______________________

Action Form Revised 5/92
April 27, 1993

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TO:       Honorable Member of the Board of Supervisors
FROM:    Tom Archer
SUBJECT: General Assistance Advocacy Program

In November of 1992 the Board passed Resolution 92-603 updating the County’s General Assistance Program. The update included such changes as a 15-day County residency requirement and loan repayment agreements. The General Assistance program services clients who are employable and those who are incapacitated or disabled who do not meet the eligibility criteria for any other cash aid program. Within the Department/Division, we have incorporated the General Assistance program for employables within the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program, concentrating our efforts to find employment for these individuals and maximizing federal funding to minimize the County cost of running the program. The General Assistance Advocacy Program (GAAP) proposal was written to take our efforts one step further, by developing a program assisting General Assistance recipients who are disabled and need help in applying for SSI/SSP benefits.

Our goals are to obtain benefits as early as possible (minimize General Assistance) for the disabled individual and to demonstrate the effectiveness of an organized program toward that end.

Currently a General Assistance individual must be denied SSI/SSP and have their reconsideration denied before legal aid will serve them. At the present time there is no assistance available to help people through the application and/or reconsideration process. Based on similar programs in other counties, we believe intervention at the point of application and/or reconsideration will result in Social Security benefits being granted in a more timely fashion, resulting in less County funded General Assistance being paid out.

These funds will allow us to begin a demonstration program to train staff and develop a case management system for SSI advocacy. The program would include evaluation of appropriateness of application, helping complete forms, assuring appointments are kept,
establishing necessary medical records, etc. We will develop a tracking system and evaluation process based on comparison studies of new or assisted applicants vs. previously unassisted applicants known to the office.

This program because of its nature as a demonstration project and the minimal funding involved will be operated with existing staff, reducing the overall County share of costs.