RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-436

MEETING: September 11, 2018

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Health and Human Services Director

RE: 2019 LIHEAP 19B-5021 Contract for Energy Assistance and Weatherization

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve the 2019 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Agreement 19B-5021 with the California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) in an amount not to exceed $304,000 to provide energy assistance payments and weatherization services; and authorize the Human Services Director to sign the agreement, certifications, 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. The initial grant amount $304,000 represents approximately 50% of the estimated total expected for the full contract term. Increases in the contract maximum amount and term are normally expected as amendments over the grant term.

Thus far in program year 2017 ending March 31, 2018, this program has assisted 656 low-income households containing 1,617 persons with energy assistance payments and 14 households and 30 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 2018 LIHEAP Agreement on November 7, 2017 by Resolution 2017-751.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If this Agreement is not approved, Mariposa will lose the grant funds of $304,000 and the opportunity to provide Energy Assistance payments and Weatherization Services to serve approximately 670 Mariposa County households and 1,647 persons.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This program is funded by federal energy assistance grant (LIHEAP) funds. These funds were anticipated and included in the FY18-19 budget for fund 334. There is no impact to the County General Fund.
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ATTACHMENTS:
2019 LIHEAP Contract (PDF)
2019 LIHEAP Contract Part I and II Final (PDF)
LIHEAP Certification Regarding Lobbying (DOC)
CSD Form 279 (FFATA Reporting)1 (XLSX)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey