DEPARTMENT: Human Services/CPS  

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

It is respectfully recommended that your Board: (1) approve a renewal grant application in the amount of $5,000 to the Mariposa County First 5 Commission; and (2) if the grant is awarded, allow the Human Services Department to accept the money.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Please see attachment.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Please see attachment.

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes  (X) No  Current FY Cost: $  
Annual Recurring Cost: $  
Budgeted in Current FY?  ( ) Yes  ( ) No  ( ) Partially Funded  
Amount in Budget: $  
Additional Funding Needed: $  
Source:  
Internal Transfer  
Unanticipated Revenue  
Transfer Between Funds  
Contingency  
( ) General  ( ) Other  

( ) Requested Action Recommended  
No Opinion  
Comments:  

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  

Revised Dec. 2002
September 9, 2004

TO: Members, Board of Supervisors
FROM: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly
RE: Social Services Child Welfare & Protection / Request to Submit Grant Renewal Application and to Accept $5,000 in Grant Funds

Recommendation

It is respectfully recommended that your Board: (1) approve a renewal grant application in the amount of $5,000 to the Mariposa County First 5 Commission; and (2) if the grant is awarded, allow the Human Services Department to accept the money.

Background / Current Situation

In cooperation with the Sheriff, Red Cross and the Child Death Review Committee, one year ago your Board allowed this agency to submit a $5,000 grant to implement a program to protect children from accidental drowning and other accidents. That was the Designated Buddy Project. Pamphlets and T-shirts were produced and multiple trainings have been given to prevent accidental injury and death that occur because one adult incorrectly believes another adult is watching the child. This program encourages a designated person to watch the child.

A power point presentation with graphics and statistics of the prevalence of this tragedy has been developed and presented to agencies and child death review teams throughout California. Six thousand brochures have been printed. Distribution is continuing with over five thousand having been distributed to other organizations, including 1,005 Mariposa County elementary school children to take home to their parents. Other brochures have been given to the Sheriff, Public Health, Yosemite National Park, motels, and campsites. Staff has been present and provided information at community fairs, the county fair, and to child death review teams across California. Other counties have heard of the program and asked for assistance as their statistics continue to mount in this area (Kern, Merced, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and the coastal counties as well as Redding and the mountain counties). The program designer, Dorothy Langworthy, has been requested to assist other states. Other jurisdictions generally pay for Ms. Langworthy’s travel costs or a portion of them.

The program is partially self sufficient through the sale of T-shirts. However, additional funds are needed to support local education efforts at schools, parks and through participation at community events.

Financial

This continuation grant would add another $5,000 to the Designated Buddy Fund. Fund balance is $540.00 primarily due to the sale of T-shirts. All prior year grant dollars have been expended. No local matching money is required.