

MARIPOSA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: POLICY ITEM: YES () NO (X)

SEE ATTACHMENT

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

SEE ATTACHMENT

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

SEE ATTACHMENT

COSTS: (X) Not Applicable

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and
number pages accordingly:
Page One, Memo to the Board

- A. Budgeted CURRENT FY \$ _____
- B. Total anticipated costs \$ _____
- C. Required add'l funding \$ _____
- D. Internal transfers \$ _____

SOURCE: (X) 4/5's vote required

- A. Unanticipated revenue \$ _____
- B. Reserve for Contingencies \$ _____
- C. Source description: _____

Balance in Reserve for Contingencies,
if approved: \$ _____

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S
RECOMMENDATION:

Resolution No.: 02-386

Ordinance No.: _____

Vote: Ayes: 5 Noes: _____

Absent: _____ Abstain: _____

This item on Agenda as:

- Recommended Returned for further action
- Not recommended Submitted w/ comment
- Policy determination

Approved Denied

Minute Order attached.

No Action Necessary.

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

Comment: _____

Date: _____

MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board,
County of Mariposa,
State of California

A.O. Initials: [Signature]

BY: _____
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October 2, 2002

TO: Members, Board of Supervisors
FROM: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly
RE: Request from Mother Lode Job Training for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Services funding

RECOMMENDATION

It is respectfully recommended that your Board consider:

- (1) Authorizing Mother Lode Job Training (MLJT) to write a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for General Allocation Community Services funding;
- (2) Authorizing the Department of Human Services (Community Action) to serve as consultant to Mother Lode in terms of the grant application and budget; and
- (3) Authorizing the Department of Human Services to submit the final grant package to you at a Public Hearing as required by the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

BACKGROUND

The Mother Lode Workforce Investment Board, appointed by the Mother Lode Consortium Board of Directors (a joint powers agreement of the four Mother Lode Counties of Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa and Tuolumne), is responsible for overall coordination of workforce preparation programs in four counties.

In Mariposa, this organization has served our community since 1985 and currently operates under the title of Job Connection Mariposa.

The Federal Job Training Partnership Act was discontinued in June 2000 and was replaced by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). While WIA is designed to help eligible individuals access the tools they need to start or manage their careers, funding allocations have decreased each year. In addition, The Department of Labor's Welfare to Work program has not been funded since the 2001 program year.

CURRENT SITUATION

Mother Lode Job Training has collaborated with both Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties to access CDBG Community Services funding. This funding provides training and supportive services to individuals determined to be in greatest need. Priority for services is provided to individuals who are transitioning from welfare to work, and other low and moderate-income individuals.

If Mother Lode wishes to finalize and submit a grant, it is important that they explore other sources to support their needs on an ongoing basis. CDBG funders want applicants/grantees to find alternative funding sources to support the program on a long-term basis. Therefore, before this grant is submitted, it is necessary that Mother Lode Job Training understand that it is unlikely that the County would ask CDBG State funders to support this program for more than the three-year funding cycle and that by addressing this matter in the grant their application will be strengthened. We could submit a grant for subsequent years of funding if there is an economic decline of great magnitude that seriously impacts our residents. Time limits not only encourage agencies to become more self-sufficient but also enable your Board to assist other entities with their needs.

FINANCIAL

Mother Lode has requested permission to submit a CDBG application of \$250,000 to support job-training efforts. This budget will have to be justified within the grant application. Applications are due February 2003. If awarded, a 30-month contract would begin in July 2003.

Mother Lode requests that the County invest in the CDBG matching funds requirement by providing supervised work experience slots. These workers-in-training would be paid entirely with CDBG funding. It is recommended that Mariposa County commit to four, six-month work experience slots to support this program. The value of this in-kind supervision would be \$40,960 for match reporting purposes (currently 10%). Your Board could utilize these trainees in any of your departments if their skills and occupational goals meet those of the particular department. If the County preferred, it could reduce the number of work experience slots to three and still meet match requirements.