Recommend resolution authorizing Health Officer to apply for available one time grant funds from CMSP ($39,366) on behalf of All Tribes counseling Center and the Northside Rural Health Clinic Enterprise.

The County Medical Services Program (CMSP) Board has identified $2 million to be available on a one time basis and distributed among 34 CMSP counties in California. They have determined that $39,366 of these dollars will be allocated to Mariposa County based on their formula. The goal of this money is to enhance wellness and/or prevention among CMSP clients and others within the County and they require that the County participate as a partner with other entities in this endeavor.

The Health Department has tentatively identified two potential beneficiaries of this one time grant funding. Rick Roesch, owner and operator of Mercy Ambulance, has been attempting to develop plans to construct a Rural Health Clinic on the Northside of the County. The investigation into the original hopeful source for the capital outlay has been frustrated by a change in policy by that entity (the California Endowment). However the CMSP grant fund presents a new possibility for partially funding the capital expenses for such a clinic.

The All-Tribes Counseling Center, administered by Kingsview Services, provides mental health and social support services to the Native American population in the County. They are proposing a program similar to the "Big Brother, Big Sister" program to assist troubled youngsters in difficult family situations in an effort to prevent worsening mental health and social disfunction.

The principle administrators of both programs understand that this is one time funding that they will need to pursue ongoing funding elsewhere. The role of the County is to facilitate the grant application. Direct involvement in either program and financial support of either program by the County outside of what is made available by the CMSP Board is not expected.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

This grant program has never existed before and therefore has not been discussed with the Board on previous occasions. However the Health Department and Mr. Roesch did previously discuss with the Board (in November, 1997) a cooperative effort in investigating for funding for the Northside Rural Clinic and the Board approved such preliminary investigative activities on the part of their staff.
LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The $39,366 allocated for Mariposa County will be allocated to some other County.