

# County Of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

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**Meeting Date**                      **Held Until**  
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**Agenda Item No:**                      **Agenda Item No:**  
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**Department:** Human Services

**4/5 Vote Not Required**

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**Board Date:**  
11/10/2009

**Deadline for Board Action:**  
11/10/2009

**AGENDA SHORT TITLE:** California Clean Energy Workforce Training Grant

**REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:**

- A. The Board of Supervisors is requested to authorize the Director of the Human Services Department, or her designee, to accept the California Clean Energy Workforce Training Grant (\$1,000,000) and to originate and execute sub-recipient agreements with the Workforce Investment Board of Solano County, the County of Napa and the County of Marin.
- B. Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustments to the Human Service Department’s 2009-10 Final Budget in the amount of \$897,659 (4/5th vote required).

**CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**EXPENDITURES:**

**ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL:**

<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>\$897,659</b>	<b>Contingencies</b>	<b>\$0</b>
		<b>(Fund Name:)</b>	
<b>Amount Budgeted</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>Unanticipated Revenue</b>	<b>\$897,659</b>
		<b>(Source: State of California )</b>	
<b>Other Available Appropriations</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>Other Transfers</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>(Explain Below)</b>		<b>(Source:)</b>	
<b>Additional Requested</b>	<b>\$897,659</b>	<b>Additional Funds Requested</b>	<b>\$897,659</b>

**Explanation (if required):** Funds are made available through a collaborative effort between the Employment Development Department and the California Energy Commission. The amount budgeted is based on estimates of expenditures in the current program year. The balance of the grant funds will be budgeted in the 2010-2011 program year.

**Prior Board Action:** None related to this item. However, the Board has approved participation in previous grant proposals and subsequent awards through the North Bay Employment Connection which have included the H1-B High Tech Training Initiative, Caregiver Training Initiative, Nurse Workforce Initiative, Healthcare Training Initiative and Disability Program Navigator.

**Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:** Non-approval would result in the loss of funds to the Human Services Department to provide training and services to unemployed construction workers.

**Background:** Copies of the agreements are on file with the Clerk of the Board.

The Board of Supervisors is requested to authorize the Director of the Human Services Department, or her designee, to accept the California Clean Energy Workforce Training Grant (CCEWTP), in the amount of \$1,000,000 and to originate and execute sub-recipient agreements with the Workforce Investment Board of Solano County, the County of Napa and the County of Marin and approve resolution authorizing budgetary adjustments to the 2009-2010 Final Budget for the Human Services Department in the amount of \$897,659.

The California Clean Energy Workforce Training Program is funded through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the State Energy Program the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), the Governor's Discretionary 15 Percent Funds, and Assembly Bill 118: the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program. The purpose of the grant is to create a workforce capable of filling the jobs necessary to promote renewable energy development, climate change strategies, clean vehicle fuel technology, and green construction.

Funds are made available through a collaborative effort between the Employment Development Department and the California Energy Commission. Locally, funds are to be administered by the Sonoma County Human Services Department, under the Sonoma County Workforce Investment Board (WIB), and the North Bay Employment Connection (NBEC), a consortium of local Workforce Investment Boards comprising the counties of Sonoma, Marin, Napa, and Solano.

The Green Regional Education & Employment in the Northbay (GREEN) program, for which NBEC has been awarded funding, from the CCEWTP, specifically targets unemployed and underemployed workers with construction experience. The intent of the GREEN program is to build upon participating individuals' present construction skills and provide training to prepare them for employment in the green building or clean energy sectors. The Human Services Department worked closely with the County of Sonoma's General Services Department in development of the grant application to reflect the County's implementation of AB 811 and its other energy conservation and sustainability initiatives.

#### GREEN Program Design:

The GREEN program will begin with a short and intensive research period, during which participating WIBs will pinpoint green building workforce needs and determine needed workforce skills. Based on this research, participating WIBs will develop an online database in order to connect identified workforce needs and the certification-based training required by employers. Workers will be provided with needed training, supportive services, and job placement assistance. In addition, GREEN will create the capacity to support workers and employers with ongoing training and career ladder systems, allowing members of the green building workforce to continue to upgrade their skills and help employers to respond rapidly to changing technologies and regulatory environments.

Using CCEWTP Funds, the GREEN program will:

- develop online database systems to track and anticipate green sector employment needs
- hire Green Navigators in the One-Stop Centers (such as Sonoma County's Job Link Center) to build capacity and support the ongoing identification, training, and placement of green building workers
- establish a tool locker of Home Energy Rating System (HERS) certified equipment, enabling trained independent contractors to take the certification exam and begin work if they are unable to afford the up-front costs of purchasing the equipment.

NBEC projects that, in the four member counties, a total of 300 participants will be placed into the green building training. These participants will receive a minimum of 400 certifications and will enter into career pathway opportunities in the green building industry at a rate that meets or exceeds the state certification requirements. In addition to these 300 participants who will receive training, 800 participants will receive services through the One Stops in the form of referrals, seminars, and other resources leading to career pathway opportunities in the green building industry. As the lead agency, Sonoma County will originate and execute sub-recipient agreements with each of the other NBEC Counties.

**Recommendation:**

The Board of Supervisors is requested to authorize the Director of the Human Services Department, or her designee, to accept the California Clean Energy Workforce Training Grant (CCEWTP), in the amount of \$1,000,000 and to originate and execute sub-recipient agreements with the Workforce Investment Board of Solano County, the County of Napa and the County of Marin and approve resolution authorizing budgetary adjustments to the 2009-2010 Final Budget for the Human Services Department in the amount of \$897,659.

**Attachments:** Resolution.

**On File With Clerk:** Agreements with the Workforce Investment Board of Solano County, Napa County and Marin County.

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**Board Action (If other than "Requested")**

**Vote:**