



## Legislation Text

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Approve a \$300,000 grant agreement with The Kresge Foundation, for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022, to advance the Health and Social Services Department's reorganization efforts; Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) for \$100,000 for FY2019/20 in unanticipated revenue for year one grant activities (4/5 vote required); and Delegate authority to the Director of Health and Social Services to execute the grant agreement

Published Notice Required? Yes  No   
Public Hearing Required? Yes  No

### **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:**

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### **SUMMARY:**

A primary driver for H&SS' reorganization, approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 4, 2019, is to improve the experiences for both clients and employees around the theme of "People First." In November 2018 the Board adopted Assembly Bill 2821 which allows H&SS to operate an integrated and comprehensive County health and human services system and act as an integrated agency, including the ability to begin to braid various funding sources to meet the needs of those we serve.

On May 23, 2019, The Kresge Foundation posted a funding opportunity for a grant related to integration of health and human services. Given the recent Board of Supervisors approval of H&SS' reorganization and integration plans, H&SS applied for and received a notification of the grant award.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The costs associated with preparing the agenda item are nominal and absorbed by the Department's FY2019/20 Adopted Budget.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Kresge Foundation is a private philanthropic foundation that works to expand opportunities for health and human services through grantmaking and investments. In collaboration with nonprofit, public, private and philanthropic partners, The Kresge Foundation helps create pathways for people with low income to improve their life circumstances and join the economic mainstream.

In May 2019, The Kresge Foundation invited Solano County to apply for an invite-only grant opportunity, "Integrating Health and Human Services: Systems for Equitable & Thriving Communities" after becoming aware of the work the County has done in recent years. This grant awards six to eight grantees with technical

assistance, participation in a learning community, and grants of up to \$300,000 over three years.

- 1) H&SS' grant proposal is to identify the clinical and programmatic definitions of behavioral health (assessments, levels of treatment) and social well-being (social determinants of health, safety, stability) based on the service areas within H&SS. H&SS will contract with a consultant to facilitate discussions, conduct a literature and programmatic review, and write the data dictionary
- 2) The grant proposal includes work with community liaisons who will be people with lived experiences navigating systems and who represent our underserved populations that are underrepresented in our executive staff and elected officials. First 5 will recruit, train and support the community liaisons who will collect data and feedback on the definitions of behavioral health and social well-being.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board may choose not to approve this grant agreement; however, this opportunity will bring revenue into Solano County for planning services which will benefit H&SS' reorganization.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

First 5 was involved in the development of this Agenda Item.

**CAO RECOMMENDATION:**

**APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION**