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Legislation Text

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Approve a contract with Deloris Roach for \$54,800 to provide coordination and support activities for the Senior Coalition of Solano County (SCSC) for the period beginning October 24, 2017 through June 30, 2018; and Authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract

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

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Health & Social Services (H&SS) recommends that the Board approve a contract with Deloris Roach for \$54,800 to provide coordination and support activities for the Senior Coalition of Solano County (SCSC) for the period beginning October 24, 2017 through June 30, 2018; and Authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract.

SUMMARY:

On May 9, 2006, the Senior Coalition of Solano County (SCSC) was established by the Board as a means for communicating and helping to address aging and senior issues. The Senior Coalition provides a partnership with the impact to raise awareness, provide education, and support efforts that improve and enrich the lives of seniors living and working in Solano County. This partnership provides a framework to engage key decision makers at the local government level.

This contract with Deloris Roach for \$54,800 for the period October 24, 2017 through June 30, 2018 will fill the coordinator position for the Senior Coalition which includes responsibilities of directing activities with members of the community and with agencies and organizations serving the local senior population. Additionally, Ms. Roach will coordinate efforts in the development of an annual SCSC work plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The proposed contract is for October 24, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The proposed cost is \$54,800 and is included in the Department's FY2016/17 Approved Budget. There is no additional financial impact to the General Fund.

DISCUSSION:

The Senior Coalition serves a critical need in Solano County. As the population ages, the County and providers are finding ways to meet the growing need for services and the need for information.

A primary purpose of the Senior Coalition is to coordinate efforts designed to improve and enrich the lives of seniors in Solano County. The Senior Coalition has promoted awareness of issues affecting seniors through such programs as Savvy Saving Seniors. Savvy Saving Seniors was developed by the National Council on Aging. This financial education tool includes basic money management, steps to avoid scams, and tips and ideas on how to use, manage and protect debit cards. In fiscal year FY2016/17, the Senior Coalition held seven Savvy Saving Senior events.

Additionally, in FY2016/17 the Senior Coalition hosted a free, mini-medical school series called “Aging with Vitality.” This four-day series focused on helping older adults embrace the dynamic nature of aging. Topics included: keeping your heart healthy; recognizing the risks of stroke and how to prevent them; maintaining healthy bones, joints and muscles; minimizing the risks of chronic diseases; medication management; hearing loss; and, end of life legal and medical considerations. The Senior Coalition also reviewed and updated its strategic plan for addressing the needs of seniors; collaborated with the Senior Poverty Working Group; began to implement a Bridging Opportunities initiative working with the Cities in Solano County; and helped to coordinate and present multiple educational events and forums targeting seniors, including the 2016 Centenarians event.

For FY2017/18, and under the direction of the Senior Coalition Executive Committee (SCEC), Ms. Roach will address activities related to the SCSC’s strategic priorities, provide evaluation reports, and copies of work plans with associated timelines and meeting materials. Ms. Roach will coordinate and support initiatives and the mission of SCSC to outreach to underrepresented community groups and individuals such as African Americans, Filipino Americans, Latin Americans and the LGBTQ community.

Ms. Roach is able to effectively assist the SCEC using her skills in coordination and collaboration as well as her ability to develop and maintain community partnerships and has a proven history of helping to address senior and aging needs of the community.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board may choose not to approve this contract with Deloris Roach. This is not recommended as Ms. Roach was selected by the Senior Coalition Executive Committee (SCEC) and represents SCSC’s need to raise awareness and education for the County’s aging population.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed the contract for legal sufficiency.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION