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Authorize the County's contribution of $5,000 from the General Fund contribution allocated to District 2 to benefit the following organizations, including Food is Free Solano ($3,000), California Maritime Academy Foundation ($1,000), and End 68 Hours of Hunger ($1,000)

Published Notice Required? Yes ____ No _X _
Public Hearing Required? Yes ____ No _X _

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

Supervisor Brown requests that the Board of Supervisors authorize the County's contribution of $5,000 from the General Fund contribution allocated to District 2 to benefit the following organizations, including Food is Free Solano ($3,000), California Maritime Academy Foundation ($1,000), and End 68 Hours of Hunger ($1,000).

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

District 2 has identified the following non-profit organizations for which to contribute its non-County contribution allocation, including:

Food is Free Solano ($3,000)
Food is Free Solano, doing business as Food is Free Bay Area, is a volunteer-run food resource supported by the local community. The contribution will support its food distribution efforts at the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo.

California Maritime Academy Foundation ($1,000)
The California Maritime Academy Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that supports the mission, cadets, and faculty of Cal Poly Maritime Academy. The contribution will be directed to the university's food pantry to help students experiencing food insecurity.

End 68 Hours of Hunger ($1,000)
End 68 Hours of Hunger works to address the gap in food access that some children face between school lunch on Friday and school breakfast on Monday. The contribution will support the organization's Fairfield/Vacaville chapter in serving children in those communities.

Guidelines for Grant Funding Requests:

During the FY2026/27 Budget Hearings, the Board appropriated $75,000, $15,000 to each supervisorial district, providing guidelines on how to recommend funding for qualifying agencies or programs. The guidelines are as follows:

1) Each supervisor must submit the proposed expenditure to the County Counsel and the Auditor/Controller for initial review.
2) The Board must approve the expenditure by a majority vote.

3) The Board must determine that the expenditure is for a public purpose.
4) The Board may authorize an expenditure of public funds to a nonprofit organization so long as the County retains ultimate control over the exercise of judgement and discretion of the intended program.
5) To ensure accountability, all expenditures are subject to audits by the Auditor/Controller; and
a) If the recipient provides an activity, program or service ("activity"), it shall provide an activity report within 30 days of the activity that states the number of persons attending (if applicable) or participating activities carried out, feedback from participants (if applicable) and benefits of the activity. The recipient's failure to provide a report may result in its being considered ineligible for future funding.
b) If the recipient is purchasing property or making improvements, it shall use the funds for only the specified purposes and allow representatives of the county to inspect and/or audit the purchase or the contractor's performance, the facility or the portion improved with the funds and/or the records pertaining to the expenditures. The recipient shall retain for inspection and audit purposes all books, receipts, documentation and other records of the expenditures for three (3) years from date of receiving funds.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The expenditure totaling $5,000 in contributions are included in the Department's FY2026/27 Working Budget. The costs associated with preparing the agenda item are nominal and absorbed by the Department's FY2026/27 Working Budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to authorize the expenditure; however, this is not recommended as this item is consistent with Board policy.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

This report was prepared in coordination with the County Administrator's Office, County Auditor/Controller's Office, and County Counsel.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION