COUNTY OF GLENN
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL

MEETING DATE: July 17, 2012
Submitting Department(s): Human Resource Agency

BRIEF SUBJECT/ISSUE DESCRIPTION:
Authorize the HRA to apply for funding to support continued operation of the Community Re-Entry Work Program (CREW).

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AGENDA PLACEMENT

APPOINTMENT – Appearances by: (Specify Name & Title)

ATTACHMENTS
☐ Board Report
☐ Letter
☐ Minute Order
☐ Contract
☐ Transfer
☐ Grant App.
☐ Resolution
☐ Ordinance
☐ Proclamation
☐ Policy Update
☐ Code Update
☐ Other

LEGAL/PERSONNEL/FISCAL
☐ County Counsel
☐ Personnel
☐ Finance
☐ County Administrative Office

CLERK INSTRUCTIONS
☐ Return Minute Order to Pat Auser
☐ Return Certified Copy Of Resolution to Pat Auser
☐ Other:

PUBLIC HEARINGS & COMMITTEE VACANCIES

☐ State ☐ Federal

Public Hearings:
☐ Published
☐ Affidavit on File w/Clerk
☐ Affected Parties Notified

Bill#: ______
☐ Latest Version of Bill
☐ Draft Letter Attached
☐ List of Supporters/Opposers
☐ Statement of Relevance to County Interests
☐ Description Attached

GENERAL FUND IMPACT
☐ Other: ______
☐ Budgeted
☐ Transfer Attached
☐ 4/5ths Vote Required
☐ Contingency Request

FUNDING SOURCE/IMPACT
☐ New ☐ Renewal
☐ Amendment
☐ Insurance Certificate
☐ Contract Report

CONTRACTS, LEASES & AGREEMENTS
Date of Original Contract:
Contract No.:
Fiscal Year:

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:
This request does not require the use of County General Funds.

1) Authorize the HRA to apply for funding from the Sierra Health Foundation, and if awarded, authorize the HRA Director, or designee, to enter into an Agreement, to sign any amendments and subcontracts, and to execute all required certifications and other documentation related to the Agreement.

Reviewed By (if applicable):
Scott Gruendl, Director

Personnel Director

Department of Finance

County Administrative Officer

cc:
COUNTY OF GLENN
BOARD REPORT

Submitted by Glenn County Human Resource Agency

(DEPARTMENT)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Glenn County Human Resource Agency wishes to submit a funding application in the amount of $25,000 to the Sierra Health Foundation to provide continued support for the Community Re-Entry Work (CREW) program. Funding will be used to provide rental assistance, food cards and case management services for CREW participants.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1) Authorize the HRA to apply for funding from the Sierra Health Foundation, and if awarded, authorize the HRA Director, or designee, to enter into an Agreement, to sign any amendments and subcontracts, and to execute all required certifications and other documentation related to the Agreement.

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND:

The CREW program is designed to provide formerly incarcerated individuals who are re-entering society with housing assistance, job skills training and education, as required to meet the individual’s unique needs. Individuals who have recently been released from an institution will be offered the choice of applying for General Assistance (GA) or participating in the CREW program. If choosing the CREW option, participants will receive three (3) months of rental assistance in lieu of GA and the opportunity to enhance their vocational skills. The goal of the CREW program is to provide supportive services to reduce the recidivism rate among re-entrants and minimize the GA draw on the county general fund.

The Sierra Health Foundation (SHF) has a long history of supporting public service and non-profit organizations in their efforts to better the lives of individuals and the communities in which they live. SHF supports a 26-county region in Northern California and maintains an overarching goal of improving the health of individuals and the communities in which they live.

FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT(S):

There is no cost to the General Fund with the submission of this application. However, the CREW program saves GF dollars since participants will receive assistance through CREW, rather than the General Assistance program.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:

The pilot stage of the CREW program was successfully completed and nine of the ten original participants improved their ability to reach self-sufficiency, including one participant who launched a wood cutting business. The CREW pilot program has generated interest among other counties including Tehama and Shasta. CREW was also submitted as an entry in the annual Challenge Awards sponsored by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC).

AB 109 funding is available to re-entrants who are under supervised probation, but does not provide services to re-entrants who do not fit that criterion. The CREW program is designed to assist individuals who are not eligible to the services provided under AB 109 and effectively closes that service gap. Sierra Health Foundation funding will allow the HRA to provide another year of CREW program services to meet the needs of re-entrants who are not covered under AB 109.