June 9, 2020

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3801 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

Subject: Acceptance of grant from the Marin Community Foundation and approval of County match to create COVID-19 income replacement fund and related budget adjustments

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATIONS:
1. Authorize the President to execute the grant agreement with the Marin Community Foundation in the amount of $50,000.
2. Authorize County match in the amount of $50,000.
3. Approve budget adjustments as detailed in the fiscal impact section.

SUMMARY: This grant from the Marin Community Foundation and match from the County of Marin totaling $100,000 will support an income replacement fund for low-paid employees who cannot work due to a COVID+ diagnosis.

As we have expanded our contact tracing, we have identified more COVID+ individuals who are asymptomatic. In order to slow the rate of community spread, it is imperative that these individuals isolate/quarantine for 14 days. Isolation/quarantine is a privilege that doesn’t extend to all people living in communities disproportionately impacted by COVID. Low wage earners cannot typically afford to be out of the workforce for 14 days. With this generous donation from the Marin Community Foundation and the County match, we will create a fund to replace the income for these COVID+ individuals. In addition to providing hotel space for quarantine and food, this fund will allow the most vulnerable in our community to get well with decreased economic impact.

FISCAL IMPACT: If approved by your Board, expenditure appropriations will be increased by $100,000 in the Miscellaneous Project Fund (1010; project 99COVID002), offset by the $50,000 grant from the Marin Community Foundation and a $50,000 transfer from the General Fund. Expenditure appropriations in the General Fund will also be increased by $50,000 to transfer the $50,000 County match into the Miscellaneous Project Fund, and will be offset by a reduction in the General Fund one-time reserve (320525), resulting in a remaining one-time reserve balance of $8,521,981. We are expecting the County match to be eligible for reimbursement by the allocation of federal CARES relief funds as proposed in the Governor’s May Budget Revision.
Respectfully submitted,

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REVIEWED BY:  (X) County Administrator    ( ) N/A
               ( ) Department of Finance    (X) N/A
               ( ) County Counsel        (X) N/A
               ( ) Human Resources      (X) N/A