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SUBJECT: Safety Net COVID-19 Response Fund

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve one-time emergency appropriation of \$1.0 million for safety net response efforts.

Overview

Given the public health response to COVID-19, we are partnering with the Marin Community Foundation to address some of the most urgent safety net needs in our community. Based on our collaboration and long-term partnership, the Marin Community Foundation (MCF) has allocated \$500,000 for the County to address 4 major issues related to the community impacts of the COVID-19 response. The County is recommending that we match the \$500,000 to create a \$1.0 million fund to be allocated to the following community needs over the next 2 months:

- Emergency Rental Assistance for low-income residents
- Expanded food for economically disadvantaged families
- Expanded meals for Seniors
- Wi-Fi mobile access for economically disadvantaged students
- Emergency childcare for healthcare workers and emergency responders

These efforts are meant to address the social impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on our most vulnerable populations. We would work with the department of Health and Human Services and the MCF to allocate these funds over the next few weeks. Our goal would be to expend and distribute these funds as expeditiously as possible; however, we may need to return to your Board to increase existing contracts with our non-profit partners to fully implement these enhancements.

In addition, MCF has established the COVID-19 Fund of MCF, dedicated to directing financial support to those that need it most in the community. If community members would like to donate to this fund, they can go to www.marincf.org to contribute to "COVID-19 Fund of MCF".

Fiscal Impact

If approved by your Board, expenditure appropriations will be increased by \$1,000,000 in the Miscellaneous Project Fund (1010), offset by the \$500,000 contribution from the Marin Community Foundation and a \$500,000 reduction in the General Fund one-time reserve (320525), resulting in a remaining one-time reserve balance of \$8,571,981.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Hymel", written in a cursive style.

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County Administrator