



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: May 10, 2016

Subject: California Department of Social Services, Refugee Programs Bureau funding

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to accept California Department of Social Services, Refugee Programs Bureau funding in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for work activity services to address the unique needs of refugees in preparation for and seeking employment, and the path to self-sufficiency for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT:

County to receive an amount not to exceed \$100,000, 100% federal. (No County match)

BACKGROUND:

Refugees have varied ethnic and cultural backgrounds, English proficiency, literacy levels, education and work experience, and barriers to employment, such as emotional & mental health issues, domestic violence, and other family issues. Refugees enter the U. S. with authorization to work and if working-age, are expected to secure employment within six months of arrival. The goal of Refugee Social Services in Contra Costa County is to engage all eligible refugees in social services and work activities to prepare them for employment and the move into self-sufficiency.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **05/10/2016** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: May 10, 2016

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Chris Heck, Deputy

Contact: Elaine Burres,
313-1717

cc:

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without funding, activities to assist refugee in work related activities would be curtailed.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

Funding will meet one of the five community outcomes established in the Children's Report Card, "3. Families that are Economically Self Sufficient" by providing assistance with unique challenges of refugees entering the workforce.