



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: John Kopchik, Director, Conservation & Development Department
Date: March 14, 2017

Subject: Allocation of Funds from the Livable Communities Trust to Support a "Rides 4 Veterans" Transportation Program

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Conservation and Development Director, or designee, to execute a contract with Mobility Matters in the amount of \$83,645 to support the implementation of the "Rides 4 Veterans" Program, as recommended by Supervisors Candace Andersen and Karen Mitchoff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No impact to the General Fund. The \$83,645 (total) disbursement in this Board Order is 100% funded from the Livable Communities Trust Fund (District II and IV portions).

BACKGROUND:

The provision of adequate accessible transit in Contra Costa County is a longstanding issue of concern to the Board of Supervisors. The District II and IV Supervisors were approached by Elaine Welch, the Chief Executive Officer of Mobility Matters, a non-profit organization based in Lafayette, with a proposal for a transportation program, "Rides 4 Veterans", benefiting the veterans population. Mobility Matters operates the Rides for Seniors Program in Contra Costa County along with other activities related to seniors and mobility.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **03/14/2017** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, 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: March 14, 2017

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

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By: Stephanie Mello, Deputy

cc:

In summary, the Rides 4 Veterans Program is intended to provide transportation service to veterans, which Mobility Matters has seen as a growing unmet need in Contra Costa County. In addition, the Rides 4 Veterans Program proposes to hire one or more veterans to provide management and transportation service for the program. The strategy is that a veteran will be in a better position to understand the needs of other veterans. Additional details on the program can be seen in the attached proposals from Mobility Matters.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

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The Livable Communities Trust Fund (Fund) was established to implement the County's Smart Growth Action Plan. The goal of the Action Plan relevant to this proposal is goal five: help fund transit and other transportation improvements which foster smart growth principles.

In reviewing the purpose of the Fund, the Board of Supervisors determined on December 3, 2013 that "the goal shall be to spend the money equally among supervisorial districts." At build-out of the development projects contributing revenue to the Fund, deposits to the Fund will total \$8,448,000. As of February 6, 2017 the fund balance is \$7,532,189. The interest-bearing account has earned over \$300,000 in interest to date. So far, one expenditure has been approved and debited from the Fund (a \$250,000 expenditure approved on October 22, 2013 for the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative). In addition, the following expenditures have been approved by the Board of Supervisors:

- \$1,432,830 approved on June 14, 2016 from the District I portion to provide matching funds for the development of the Heritage Point affordable housing project in North Richmond;
- \$400,000 approved on December 20, 2016 from the District III portion for a feasibility study for the Marsh Creek Corridor Multi-Use Trail and to review and update land use policies related to agriculture;
- \$50,000 approved on March 07, 2017: from District IV (\$25,000) and District V (\$25,000) to assemble an Agra Tech Solar Light Greenhouse for the CoCo San Sustainable Farm project.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Mobility Matters would not receive the subject funds and the ability to implement the "Rides 4 Veterans" program would be compromised.

ATTACHMENTS

Livable Communities Fund Request (DII)

Livable Communities Fund Request (DIV)