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Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: March 20, 2018

Subject: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Disability Employment Accelerator Grant

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, on behalf of the Workforce Development Board, to apply for and accept Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Disability Employment Accelerator grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 from the California Employment Development Department to design, develop, and implement strategies that accelerate employment and re-employment for people with disabilities, for the period March 1, 2018 through February 29, 2020.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If approved, the County may receive up to \$350,000 in federal funds through the California Employment Development Department. (40% in-kind or cash match required)

**BACKGROUND:**

Historically, people with disabilities (PWD) are employed at rates less than half of the general population. Developing workforce models and strategies that improve services for PWD remains a priority in the California Workforce Development system. The Disability Employment Accelerator (DEA) grant funds are available for seeking innovative ways to strengthen business partnerships around in-demand jobs for PWD. A major objective of

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **03/20/2018** ☒ 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 20, 2018

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

By: June McHuen, Deputy

Contact: Elaine Burres,  
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DEA is to insure that PWD have the necessary work-based skills to obtain

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

and retain competitive, integrated employment that offers a career path to advancement.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without funding, programs addressing employment and re-employment strategies for people with disabilities could be hindered.