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County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
 From: Joe Valentine, Employment & Human Services Director  
 Date: January 12, 2010  
 Subject: United Way of the Bay Area Funding

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to apply for and accept funding in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 from United Way of the Bay Area to support the Service Integration Program's planning and development of an anti-poverty "sparkpoint" center in Bay Point for the period of January 15, 2010 through January 14, 2011.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If granted, County to receive up to \$40,000 for the Service Integration Program's planning and development of an anti-poverty "sparkpoint" center in Bay Point. (No County match)

**BACKGROUND:**

SparkPoint Centers are the result of a unique collaboration of San Francisco Bay Area agencies that are committed to improving financial stability services and outcomes for members of their communities. Led by the United Way of the Bay Area in conjunction with nonprofits and other stakeholders, these agencies are replicating

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☒ APPROVE
 ☐ OTHER  
☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR
 ☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **01/12/2010** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
 Gayle B. Uilkema, District II Supervisor  
 Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor  
 Susan A. Bonilla, 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: January 12, 2010

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

By: Katherine Sinclair, Deputy

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### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

and improving an innovative and promising national model developed by the Annie E. Casey Foundation through its Center for Working Families program. The model rests on principles around common goals, best practice service provision, and a partnership approach.

The immediate goal is that families will increase their income to narrow the gap between current income and self-sufficiency, improve credit, and begin to build savings or assets. The long term goal is that families achieve a self-sufficient income, reduce their debt-to-income ratio to less than 40%, improve credit score to at least 650, and accumulate savings equivalent to at least three (3) months living expenses.

The United Way of the Bay Area funding will support the planning and development of a "sparkpoint" center in Bay Point.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

#### CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The United Way of the Bay Area funding will support two of the community outcomes established in the Children's Report Card, 3) "Families that are Economically Self Sufficient" and, 5) "Communities that are Safe and Provide a High Quality of Life for Children and Families", by assisting families to move toward self sufficiency.