



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Joe Valentine, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: January 11, 2011

Subject: 2011 Head Start Garden grant application to Western Growers Foundation

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment & Human Services director, or designee, to apply for and accept funding for a Head Start garden grant from the Western Growers Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for tools to develop a fruit and vegetable gardens at selected Head Start childcare centers in Contra Costa County for the term January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

100% foundation funding from Western Growers Foundation via  
U.S. Department of Agriculture Specialty Crop Block Grant

No County match. No pension costs.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Department is submitting an application to California Head Start Association on January 10, 2011 to apply for a Head

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **01/11/2011** ☒ 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  
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 11, 2011

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

By: June McHuen, Deputy

Contact: C. Youngblood,  
313-1712

### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Start Garden project wherein selected Head Start sites will receive supplies to install a fruit and vegetable garden, raised bed kit, irrigation kit, children's garden tools, markers and seeds.

Approval of this grant application will allow for the application submission, and if awarded, receipt of funds to implement this project.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If not approved, funds will not be accepted.

### CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Employment & Human Services Department Community Services Bureau supports three of Contra Costa County's community outcomes - Outcome 1: "Children Ready for and Succeeding in School," Outcome 3: "Families that are Economically Self-sufficient," and, Outcome 4: "Families that are Safe, Stable, and Nurturing." These outcomes are achieved by offering comprehensive services, including high quality early childhood education, nutrition, and health services to low-income children throughout Contra Costa County.