

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



FROM: DPSS-Dept. of Community Action

SUBMITTAL DATE: 8/26/03

SUBJECT: Approval of Activities in Support of the 2003 Summer Energy Crisis Response Plan

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve the following activities in support of an anticipated Agreement between Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) and the Department of Public Social Services-Department of Community Action (DPSS-DCA) to fund the 2003 Summer Energy Crisis Response Plan for Riverside County, not to exceed \$150,000, which would include:

Components re-established from last year:

- Purchase of energy efficient equipment for at risk, low-income households
- Operation of six to eight Cool Centers County-wide
- Purchase of generators for distribution to those in need

New components this year:

- Operation Survival to maintain a hotline and early warning system
- Distribution of solar-powered motion sensor security lights
- Distribution of portable evaporative coolers;

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 Lois J. Carson, Executive Director

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FINANCIAL DATA:

CURRENT YEAR COST: \$ 150,000

ANNUAL COST: \$ 0

NET COUNTY COST: \$ 0

IN CURRENT BUDGET: No

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: Yes

**REQUIRES
4/5 VOTE**
FOR FY: 03/04

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% Federal

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATIONS:

APPROVE

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER SIGNATURE

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AGENDA NO.

3.36

FORM APPROVED
 COUNTY COUNSEL
 AUG 12 2003
 BY *Sue Wang* Deputy
 \$118,103

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED
 ROBERT E. BYRD, Auditor-Controller

Department Recommendation: Consent Policy
 Per Executive Office: Consent Policy

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RECOMMENDED MOTION (Cont.):

- 2) Authorize DPSS to request bids for, and permission to purchase, items necessary to carry out the activities;
- 3) Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the anticipated Agreement between CSD and DPSS-DCA to fund the 2003 Summer Energy Crisis Response Plan for Riverside County;
- 4) Authorize the Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to sign assurances, exhibits, and reports made under the Agreement;
- 5) Authorize the Purchasing Agent to sign Amendments not to exceed the Board-approved allocation; and
- 6) Instruct the Auditor-Controller to adjust the DPSS-DCA budget as outlined below:

Increase Appropriation:

CAARC-21050-5200200000-527780 – Special Program Expense \$150,000

Increase Anticipated Revenue:

CAARC-21050-5200200000-767200 – Federal Block Grants \$150,000

BACKGROUND:

In 2002, CSD provided DPSS-DCA \$120,000 in funding to distribute utility funds, provide generators, and disseminate battery operated flashlight/radio combinations to avert heat related problems in Riverside County. In June of 2003, DPSS-DCA submitted a Summer Energy Crisis Response Plan to CSD requesting discretionary funding to provide the same and additional services to low-income priority populations (elderly, disabled, families with children under 2 years, migrant, and working poor individuals and families).

CSD has approved this request and is providing \$150,000 in 2003 Community Services Block Grant Discretionary funds to DPSS-DCA to provide a variety of services to low-income households. Households to receive Energy Crisis benefits would be identified through DPSS-DCA Energy Programs and Community Based Organizations. The 2003 Summer Energy Crisis Response Plan would include activities over and above the programs currently provided by DPSS-DCA. The components would include utility assistance funds for the desert; energy efficient equipment such as generators, portable evaporative coolers, and flashlight/radio combinations; six to eight County-wide Cool Centers; a hotline; and solar-powered motion sensor security lights.

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BACKGROUND (Cont.):

In 2002, DPSS-DCA implemented the innovative concept of the Cool Center, based on a model from Missouri. A Cool Center is a place (e.g. a senior center) that people can go to during the hottest part of the day to stay cool. Riverside County was the first county in California to implement this type of respite from the heat. The State was overwhelmingly supportive and has funded this component again in 2003.

When the Agreement is received from the State, DPSS-DCA will forward it to the Clerk of the Board to obtain the Chairman of the Board's signature.

This Form 11 is being submitted prior to the receipt of the Agreement from the State in order to utilize proper County purchasing guidelines and still meet the limited time frame of this program. Therefore, the Director of DPSS-DCA requests the Board approve the activities in support of the 2003 Summer Energy Crisis Response Plan, not to exceed \$150,000. The attached CSD approval confirmation letter was received from the State on July 18, 2003. The funding agreement will be received at a later date.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: No County General Funds will be required.

CONCUR/EXECUTE: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel

DB:DT:clh