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

FROM: DPSS-Dept. of Community Action

SUBMITTAL DATE:
7/20/04

SUBJECT: Approval of Activities in Support of the 2004 Summer Energy Crisis Response Plan

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve the following activities in support of an anticipated Agreement between the Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) and the Department of Public Social Services-Department of Community Action (DPSS-DCA) to fund the 2004 Summer Energy Crisis Response Plan for Riverside County at risk, low-income households, not to exceed \$100,000, which would include:

Components re-established from last year:

- Operate Cool Centers county-wide
- Purchase of generators for distribution to those in need
- Provide Operation Survival to maintain a hotline and early warning system
- Distribute solar-powered motion sensor security lights
- Distribute portable evaporative coolers
- Personal Emergency First Aid/Survival Kits;

Lois J. Carson

Lois J. Carson, Executive Director

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 100,000	In Current Year Budget:	No
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	Yes
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	FY 04/05

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% Federal	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:
APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature *Dan Marting*

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED BY: *[Signature]* Director
ROBERT E. BYRD, Auditor-Controller
BY: *[Signature]* Deputy
7/26/04

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BY: *[Signature]*

Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy
Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: District: All Agenda Number: **3.61**

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RECOMMENDED MOTION (Cont.):

- 2) Authorize the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS-DCA) to request bids for, and permission to purchase, items necessary to carry out the activities; and
- 3) Instruct the Auditor Controller to adjust the DPSS-DCA budget as follows:

Increase Appropriation 2:

CAARC-21050-5200200000-527780	Special Program Expense	\$100,000
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Increase Anticipated Revenue:

CAARC-21050-5200200000-755180	CA-From Other State Gov. Agencies	\$100,000.
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BACKGROUND:

In 2002, CSD provided DPSS-DCA \$120,000 in funding to distribute utility funds, provide generators, and disseminate solar powered/battery operated flashlight/radio combinations to avert heat related problems in Riverside County. In 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). DPSS-DCA was awarded \$150,000 for these 2003 activities.

Again this year, DPSS-DCA submitted a Summer Energy Crisis Response Plan to CSD to request discretionary funding in support of the same type of activities. CSD has approved this request and is creating documents to provide \$100,000 in 2004 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) 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 2004 Summer Energy Crisis Response Plan would include activities over and above the programs currently processed by DPSS-DCA. The components would include utility assistance funds for the desert; energy efficient equipment such as generators, portable evaporative coolers, and solar powered/battery operated flashlight/radio combinations; county-wide Cool Centers; a hotline; solar-powered motion sensor security lights and personal emergency first aid/survival kits.

In 2002, DPSS-DCA implemented the innovative concept of a 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, funded this component in 2002 and 2003, and again in 2004.

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BACKGROUND (Cont.):

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 2004 Summer Energy Crisis Response Plan, not to exceed \$100,000. The funding agreement will be received at a later date.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: No County General Funds will be required.

CONCUR/EXECUTE: County Counsel
Purchasing
Auditor Controller

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