

**MEMORANDUM**  
**PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**Human Services Division**

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.  
Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health & Human Services  
Bob Dunstan, Director, Human Services Division  
**DATE:** May 26, 2009  
**SUBJECT:** FY 2008-09 Budget Revision for Housing Assistance

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve the attached Budget Revision to shift \$180,000 from available County Housing Funds to cover increased expenditures for housing vouchers for FY 2008-09. This Budget Revision will be funded using available Housing Fund balance and additional Federal housing revenues. This Budget Revision will result in net County General Fund savings of \$149,141.

**BACKGROUND:**

Housing Assistance Services provides housing subsidies to low-income individuals through the federally funded Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. The Housing Choice Voucher Program is a federal program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing. The County currently has 245 vouchers issued to individuals and families in the community.

The FY 2008-09 Final Budget includes \$149,141 County General Fund to support the housing vouchers. In prior years, these funds were needed to cover the costs of housing vouchers and associated staff. However, due to the availability of funds within the County's Housing Fund, as well as receiving additional Federal housing revenues, the County General Fund contribution to the program will not be needed this year, resulting in County General Fund savings of \$149,141. In addition, in an effort to maximize the number of households receiving federally authorized and funded housing to reduce potential homelessness for vulnerable populations in the County, additional vouchers will be utilized in the current year for increased expenditures of \$180,000.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This Budget Revision will shift \$180,000 from available County Housing Funds to cover increased expenditures for housing vouchers for FY 2008-09. Due to not needing the County General Fund amount appropriated for housing vouchers in FY 2008-09, this Budget Revision will result in net County General Fund savings of \$149,141.

