

**MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

TO: Placer County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services
Linda Patterson, Director of Human Services
DATE: October 6, 2015
SUBJECT: Placer County Employment Services Recognition Ceremony

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Adopt a resolution in support of a recognition ceremony for employers and Employment Services participants successfully securing employment and transitioning off CalWORKs assistance and to authorize the Director of the Health and Human Services to accept private donations to help support the event.

BACKGROUND:

Placer County Employment Services implemented the "Help to Hire" subsidized employment program on October 1, 2011 in an effort to increase employment opportunities for CalWORKs recipients and to help small businesses during the Great Recession. The program, a partnership between the County Executive Office through its Economic Development Division and the Health and Human Service Department through its Human Services Division, created a win/win scenario for both participants and businesses by creating jobs and easing the strain of the recession on the small business community. The program resulted in 26 hires in the first year and 35 hires in the second year. In February 2014, Placer County received additional state funds to expand the existing program. The expansion created additional opportunities to place participants in private, public and private non-profit work assignments to build their skills and experience and included internships and training programs for new hires. In 2014, Placer County's "Help to Hire" program reimbursed over \$500,000 in wages to the local business community and helped 92 individuals in securing unsubsidized employment. In June 2015, the program was recognized with an award from the National Association of Counties.

The Human Services Division and the Economic Development Division wish to recognize the success stories of the individual participants and businesses that have made the program a success. The event will occur after regular business hours so that working participants and businesses could attend, and a light dinner would be provided. The event would include awards and acknowledgments of both participants and employers, and an inspirational keynote speech.

Funding for the ceremony is available through the State's Expanded Subsidized Employment programming and the Economic Development Division. In addition, we are requesting your Board's approval to solicit and accept donations from the companies we work with to contribute to the ceremony.

FISCAL IMPACT:

In addition to any private donations, funding for the Ceremony is being provided by State funds for Employment Services and the Economic Development Division.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution.

**Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Placer, State of California**

In the matter of:

Resolution No: _____

A resolution in support of the Placer County Employment Services Recognition Ceremony and to authorize the Director of the Health and Human Services to accept private gifts and donations to help support the event.

Ord. No.: _____

First Reading: _____

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____ by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, Placer County Human Services plans to recognize Employment Services participants and their employers for successfully securing employment and transitioning off CalWORKs assistance by holding a Recognition Ceremony on November 5, 2015 at Cokeva in Roseville; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Social Services supports this event and the use of Expanded Subsidized Employment funds to pay for any related expenses not covered by private donations. Private donations will be collected according to state and county standards as set forth in Government Code section 25355 and the Placer County Auditor's Accounting Policies & Procedures Manual (May 2014) page 30, with the Director of the Health and Human Services as the delegated authority; and

WHEREAS, Placer County Employment Services has received an award from the National Association of Counties for the success of implementing the Expanded Subsidized Wage Program and placed 80 individuals in employment opportunities over the 2014/2015 fiscal year; and reimbursed over \$650,000 in wages to the local business community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer supports the Placer County Employment Services First Annual Recognition Ceremony to be held on November 5, 2015 at Cokeva in Roseville, California (the Event).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Health and Human Services is authorized to accept private gifts and donations made in favor of the County of Placer to be used to help fund the Event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors finds that using private gifts and donations to fund the Event serves a public purpose and benefits the County by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any single gift or donation is in excess of ten thousand dollars the Director of Health and Human Services shall file with the Board a report describing the source and value of each such gift or donation.

