

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Aging & Veterans Services MP

BOARD AGENDA # \*B-1

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE June 29, 2010

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Accept Additional Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Funding for the Health Insurance Counseling Advocacy Program (HICAP) From the California Department of Aging

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept additional Fiscal Year 2009-2010 funding in the amount of \$10,540 from the California Department of Aging.
2. Direct the Auditor-Controller to increase appropriations and estimated revenue by \$10,540 in the Area Agency on Aging budget, in accordance with the Budget Journal form.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The 2009-2010 Final Budget for the Area Agency on Aging included \$244,641 in funding for the Health Insurance Counseling Advocacy Program (HICAP) from the California Department of Aging. On June 15, 2010, the Area Agency on Aging was notified by the California Department of Aging that additional funding in the amount of \$10,540 is available in order to provide increased services for HICAP clients. At this time the Agency is requesting to increase appropriations and estimated revenue by of \$10,540 as detailed in the attached Budget Journal.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2010-408

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien  
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Grover

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Denied

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as amended

4) \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST:

Christine Ferraro  
CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

**DISCUSSION:**

On June 15, 2010, a Program Memo was received from the California Department of Aging (CDA) notifying the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) that additional funding in the amount of \$10,540 is available to provide increased services for Health Insurance Counseling Advocacy Program (HICAP) clients. HICAP provides counseling to Medicare beneficiaries of all ages, by phone, office appointment or home visits for shut-ins. The program also includes community education presentations to organizations interested in health insurance issues affecting seniors and the disabled. HICAP services are free of charge and are provided by counselors that are trained and registered by CDA.

The AAA is proposing to use the additional funds to purchase computer hardware and software that will be used by newly certified HICAP Volunteer Counselors to provide assistance services to Medicare beneficiaries. As a result, the number of Medicare clients who will be seen on any given day will be increased, reducing the 'wait time' for an appointment.

**POLICY ISSUE:**

By accepting this additional Fiscal Year 2009-2010 funding from the California Department of Aging, the Area Agency on Aging will be able to provide assistance to more Medicare clients on a daily basis, consistent with the Board's priority of A Healthy Community.

**STAFFING IMPACTS:**

Existing Agency staff will administer the additional funding in support of HICAP.

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