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**MARIPOSA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**AGENDA
ACTION FORM**

DATE: October 10, 2000
AGENDA ITEM NO.:

DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation

BY: Richard Begely

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

(Policy Item: Yes ___ No X)

Adopt a resolution approving an application to the Calaveras/Mariposa Community Action Agency for CSBG funds to operate a mobile recreation van in Mariposa County.

The amount of grant funds requested is \$39,000 for the first year and \$11,800 for the second and third years. Matching funds in the amount of \$3,900 for the first year and \$1,200 for the second and third year will be requested when the grant is approved.

The application is incomplete at this time but will be supplied prior the distribution of the agenda package.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Mariposa Parks and Recreation Commission has approved the mobile recreation van concept for inclusion in the FY 2000/01 budget. The Board of Supervisors in various budget deliberations have been receptive to the concept as well.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not approve the grant application. Mariposa County will not receive CSBG funds for a mobile recreation van.

COSTS:	(X) Not Applicable		SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
A.	Budgeted Current FY	\$	List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:
B.	Total Anticipated Costs	\$	1. Request for Proposals (3 pages)
C.	Required Additional Funding	\$	2. Information relative to the mobile recreation van (4 pages)
D.	Internal Transfers	\$	
SOURCE:	() 4/5ths Vote Required	\$	
A.	Unanticipated Revenues	\$	
B.	Reserve for Contingencies	\$	
C.	Source Description: _____		
Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved: _____			

CLERKS USE ONLY:

Res. No. 00-342 Ord. No. _____

Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____

Absent: _____ Abstained: _____

Approved () Denied ()

Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary ()

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office

Date: _____

ATTEST: _____

MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

BY: _____

Deputy

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

This item on agenda as:

_____ Recommended

_____ Not Recommended

_____ For Policy Determination

_____ Submitted with Comment

_____ Returned for Further Action

Comment: _____

CAO's Initials: [Signature]



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YEAR 2001 REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

The Calaveras-Mariposa Community Action Agency (CMCAA) was recognized by the State Department of Community Services and Development on January 1, 1992. A Joint Powers Agreement between Mariposa and Calaveras Counties, which created the Calaveras-Mariposa Joint Powers Authority (JPA), established CMCAA. The respective Boards of Supervisors appoint two members to serve on the JPA Board, which has legal responsibility for the operations of the CMCAA. Federal law requires establishment of an Advisory Board to provide input and recommendations to the JPA Board of Directors.

The designation of the Community Action Agency resulted in the receipt of additional funds. The Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) funds are allocated to the California Department of Community Services and Development by the US Department of Health and Human Services. As is typical of most government programs, there are complex regulations that govern implementation of CSBG programs

Community Action Agencies (CAA's) provide direct services or provide funding to other agencies or organizations for service delivery. Generally, in rural areas, CAA's are associated with larger public or private nonprofit agencies to provide a wide range of services and programs to the low-income population.

The Joint Powers Agreement between Calaveras and Mariposa Counties delineates a funding allocation that is determined by the population ratio. Calaveras County receives approximately 69% and Mariposa County approximately 31% of CSBG funds (less administration). The agreement stipulates that each County designate the administrative agency for a period of three years. The Mariposa County Housing and Community Development Agency in cooperation with the Calaveras County Administrative Office has continually provided the administrative services. Calaveras County receives \$93,000.00 for services and Mariposa County \$42,000.00. However, the total amount of CSBG funds is not readily available for distribution for the following reasons:

- Prior to the formation of the CMCAA, Human Service/Welfare Departments have provided services to the low-income populations. Presently the Human Resource Council in Calaveras County and the Housing & Community Development Agency in Mariposa County also provide low-income services. For that reason the Board of Supervisors of each County determined that the CSBG funds should be used primarily to support existing service providers such as the Human Resource Council and the Housing & Community Development Agency.
- Limited discretionary funds have required counties to seek alternative resources. Experienced service providers have more resources and may be able to adapt to future changes more readily in the uncertain environment of domestic programs.
- Multipurpose public and private nonprofit agencies are generally the norm in rural areas. Small rural counties find it difficult to support a multitude of single purpose nonprofit organizations because of overhead, insurance and accounting expense, as well as, the lack of human and financial resources.

Therefore, the Calaveras-Mariposa Community Action Agency has established the following policies, for the 2001 Request for Proposal process.

- All eligible organizations are invited to submit 2001 proposals that foster family self-sufficiency and encourage a wide range of solutions for low-income household independence.
- Programs and agencies are best served by limited short term CSBG funding that leverages other community and governmental resources.
- Requests for CSBG funding for programs must have a stable long term funding base within the organization. An organization with a goal to promote program stability, and has diverse funding resources, allows greater potential for program survival in a time of no or reduced funding.
- The Board of the Calaveras-Mariposa Community Action Agency reserves the right to select, reject, or modify the submitted funding proposals.

Request for Proposal Instructions

Federal and State regulations require that the CMCAA focus on "outcomes" rather than only service delivery. The goal is to assist low-income households to achieve self-sufficiency by decreasing dependence on limited government resources and to increase efficient use of community resources.

Only public or private nonprofit organizations are eligible to submit proposals. Projects and programs must benefit eligible low-income households.

- (1) Describe how the program/project will benefit low-income persons. How does the organization promote self-sufficiency? Describe specific services and estimate the number of low-income persons/households that will be served. How will "outcomes" be achieved?
- (2) Describe how the organization's (CSBG) funding will be coordinated with other public and private resources.
- (3) Include a proposed budget that itemizes CSBG funds and "other" funds (leverage or match) to support the program request for CSBG funds.
- (4) Two copies of the proposal shall be hand delivered or postmarked by October 13, 2000 to:

Executive Director
Calaveras-Mariposa Community Action Agency
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5200 Highway 49 North
Mariposa, CA 95338

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Thank you for submitting a proposal to the Calaveras-Mariposa Community Action Agency and for your interest to assist low-income families to become self-sufficient.

COUNTY OF MARIPOSA
PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION

MOBILE RECREATION VAN

Problem:

Nationwide, many negative statistics on youth behavior point to unsupervised time periods, such as after school, as prime intervention time slots.

Solution:

With Mariposa County's widely disbursed parks and schools, a mobile youth center could deliver constructive recreation activities to different sites on a daily basis. Staff has followed the progress of exactly this type of program in Tuolumne County. By any measure this program has been an unqualified success, despite the fact that Tuolumne's van is in support of their three fully operational Youth Centers. Don Pedro School, because of its close proximity to other Tuolumne County sites is already benefitting from this program one day per week, other Mariposa County school sites could certainly benefit.

Versatility:

As far as summer months are concerned, the program offerings of Mariposa Parks Day Camp program could be exported to locations such as Coulterville and El Portal. Locations such as the above, do not have the populations of youngsters to support a 5 day per week program but weekly or bi-weekly visits could be a great success.

Budget Considerations:

1. Senior Recreation Leader	999 Hrs. @ \$9.00 =	\$ 8,991.00
2. Cargo Van	New vehicle budget amount =	\$ 25,000.00
3a. Bright color scheme and lettering	new van =	\$ 1,000.00
3b. Paint job and bright color scheme	older vehicle =	[\$ 2,500.00]
4. Equipment for van	=	\$ 5,000.00

Summary:

Older vehicle program	Total =	\$16,491.00
New vehicle program	Total =	\$39,991.00

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Responding to the Need

As families find employment the need for child care/programs for school age children will increase. The present youth centers can satisfy a percentage of the increased need. However, the outlying areas will continue to be under served. After school care and all day care during the summer months will be in great demand.

To respond to the need created by the change in laws the Recreation Department/Youth Centers need to expand their role. Due to budgetary constraints it is not realistic to assume that we can serve all the youth of Tuolumne County with additional youth centers in all the outlying areas. So how do we respond to the need? Expanding our services as quickly as we can with as little cost as possible to the participants and minimum impact on the budget.

Mobile Youth Center

The Concept

The Recreation Department Youth Center Program would acquire a van to be used as a mobile unit to serve the outlying areas. The van would be a utility van, and would be used to haul equipment needed to support a program. The van would be clearly marked with the County logo, Recreation Department identifiers and a schedule of what day it would be at any location, and the hours of the program.

By working with the schools and the homeowner associations, churches, community halls, service clubs, etc. the program would take place at an established facility. Sports, craft and video equipment would be hauled in the van and returned to the Recreation Department when the van is not in use.

Personnel to staff this program is already in place for the remainder of this fiscal year. The current Youth Center Assistant has limited hours before reaching 999 to start the program. Next fiscal year consideration should be given to hiring a full time employee for this program. The full time employee could also be used to cover the existing youth center programs for vacations, illness, etc. It should also be considered to keep in place the 999 hours allotted for a part time Youth Center Assistant, due to the number of participants using the Youth Centers and the additional need for fund raising activities that will be required to help off set the costs of this new program. Although this would not entirely alleviate the problem of providing supervised activities on a daily basis to all outlying areas, and answering the demand for school age care, it is a start.

Mobile youth center heads for the hills

By ROBERT DORRHO

"Fun on Wheels" is reaching out to kids unable to travel to youth centers in Tuolumne, Jamestown and Groveland.

The mobile youth center, housed in a 1997 Ford van, was purchased for \$17,000 three months ago, mostly through donations to Tuolumne County's Recreation Department. County supervisors this year approved the mobile youth center program and allowed the department to buy the van.

Money came mostly from fundraisers, such as cookbook sales, dances and other activities.

Besides new youth recreational opportunities, the program offers adult supervision to relieve parents' anxieties over their kids encountering trouble.

"In most areas it's a needed thing," said Tony Pallante, director of the mobile youth center and Tuolumne Youth Center. "It serves kids in remote areas who can't get to our regular centers."

The van carries basketballs,

volleyballs, table tennis balls, softball, nets and other items for outdoor sports. During bad weather, kids move indoors for table games, arts and crafts.

The mobile youth center began at the Cedar Ridge Club house in October.

"The Cedar Ridge people jumped at the idea really fast," Pallante said. "There's a lot of needs with kids hanging around in communities and nowhere to go."

The program runs Tuesday through Saturday with hours roughly between 3 to 6 p.m. on weekdays and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

The van goes to Twain Harte School on Tuesdays, Willow Springs Park on Wednesdays, has an open slot for Thursday, visits Don Pedro School on Friday and Cedar Ridge Saturday.

Pallante said he's working on getting a fifth site to fill the Thursday slot, adding that the Willow Springs Park site may be switched to Soulsbyville School if the school proves more suitable.



Union Democrat photo by Robo

'FUN ON WHEELS,' the youth center van, is checked out (from left) by directors Jesse Rounfree and Larry Rotelli, vendor Ed Moyle and Recreation Director Mike Russo

"It's not hard to start up, it's just that some areas develop faster than others," he said.

Mike Russell, county recreation director, said youth participation is growing at the Tuolumne, Jamestown and Groveland youth centers.

He credited supervisors and Tuolumne County Administrator Mark Milton for their strong

support of county youth programs.

Renovations have been done at the Jamestown Youth Center, supervised by Carolyn Bradford, and the Groveland Youth Center, supervised by Connie Boysen.

Tentative plans for the Tuolumne Youth Center include moving into a modular

building behind the swimming pool at Tuolumne Memorial Park. The county hired a worker Ed Horat to help the center, giving Pallante time to run the mobile youth center.

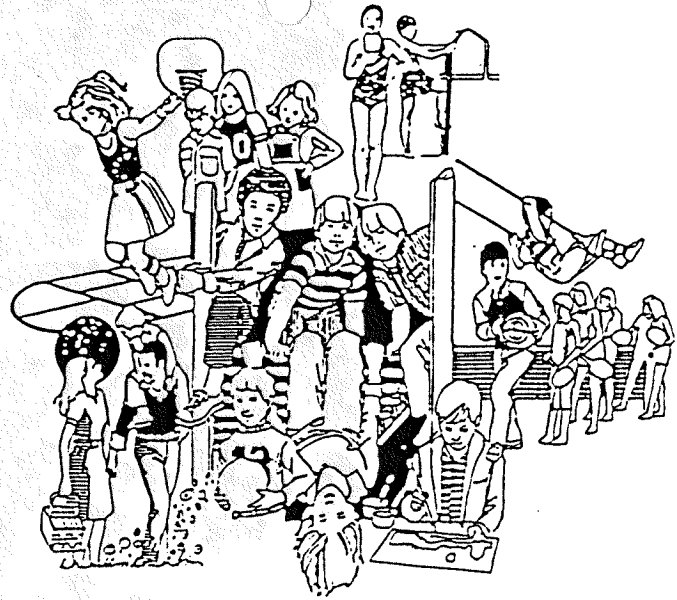
"It's great to have a supervised place to go, but keep up with them is pretty tough," Russell said.

TUOLUMNE COUNTY
MOBILE YOUTH
CENTER

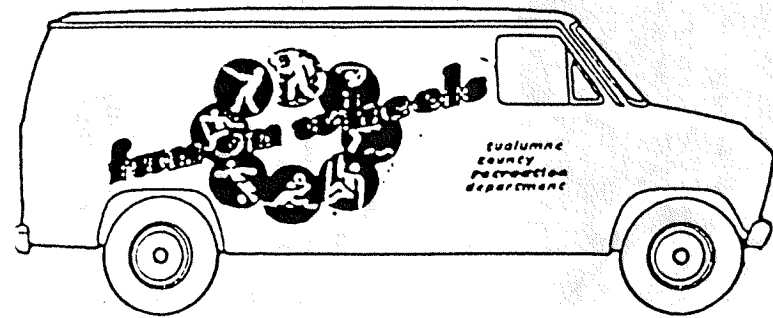
Director - Mr. Pallante

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BASKETBALL

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VOLLEYBALL

BOARD GAMES

MEET AT DON PEDRO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1ST AND THIRD FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH

WATCH FOR THE BRIGHTLY PAINTED

"FUN ON WHEELS" VAN

PLAY FROM 2:30-5:30PM

MUST BE 8 YEARS OR OLDER.

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