



MARIPOSA COUNTY

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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-42

MEETING: January 22, 2019

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Health and Human Services Director

RE: Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program (DLT)

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve a Three Year Agreement with United States Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Services (RUS) for funding of Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$252,647; and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the agreement.

The Distance Learning and Telemedicine program helps rural communities in acquiring distance learning and telemedical technologies so that county government professionals who service rural residents can link to peers in other communities and leverage respective expertise. This program provides valuable tools in improving the quality of life for thousands of residents in rural communities across the United States.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

This is a new grant opportunity. The Board of Supervisors has not approved any previous agreements with the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Services (RUS).

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this agreement is not approved, County of Mariposa will not have the appropriate infrastructure to provide optimal services for our clients.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

If the Board approves and the County is awarded these funds, a budget action including the \$38,000 match will be submitted at a later date when funds are scheduled to be received. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

RUS - Distance Learning Telemedicine 3 Yr. Grant 2019-2022 Wcsignature (PDF)
RUS - Budget Worksheet Packet (PDF)

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RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey