



MARIPOSA COUNTY

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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-672

MEETING: November 26, 2019

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Health and Human Services Director

RE: Approve Agreement with Solutionz Conferencing, Inc for Information and Technical Services

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve a Three Year Agreement with Solutionz Conferencing, Inc to provide services that meet requirements of United States Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Services (**RUS**) for funding of Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$290,647; 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.

Through a Request for Proposal process, Solutionz proved to be the best suited contractor and has been awarded the opportunity to partner with County of Mariposa Health and Human Services Agency (**HHS**) in fulfilling the requirements of the Distance Learning and Telemedicine program. Among numerous functions, Solutionz will provide and install video conference technology equipment, implement information solutions at designated work sites, and deliver required training and consultation on staff and client usage of video conferencing service.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Board of Supervisors approved funding for the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program on January 22, 2019 through Resolution No. 2019-42.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

County of Mariposa will be deemed non compliant in meeting the terms of the program, ultimately resulting in HHS clients not receiving vital services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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Funding provided through United States Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Services (RUS) grant totaling \$252,647 and \$38,000 match from Health and Human Services Agency. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

Solutionz Agreement - Wcsignature (PDF)

RUS - Distance Learning Telemedicine 3 Yr. Grant 2018-2021 Wsignatures (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey