

MARIPOSA COUNTY

Health and Human Services · (209) 966-2000



RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-450

MEETING: August 6, 2019

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Health and Human Services Director

RE: Certification of Authority - Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve the Certificate of Authority authorizing staff to requisition funds under the Three-Year Agreement with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Services (RUS) Grant for funding of Distance Learning and Telemedicine; and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Certificate.

The USDA requires a Certificate of Authority authorizing specific staff persons to requisition funds for services performed under the grant 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 Certificate of Authority will allow Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) staff to claim funds and receive reimbursement from the USDA.

The Board approved the Three-Year Agreement with United States Department of Agriculture on January 22, 2019 by Resolution 2019-42.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this agreement is not approved, the HHSA will be unable to requisition grant funds.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This Certificate of Authority will enable HHSA staff to requisition grant funds. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

County of Mariposa Certification of Authority RUS - DLT (PDF)
RUS - Distance Learning Telemedicine 3 Yr. Grant 2018-2021 Wsignatures (PDF)

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RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor


SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor

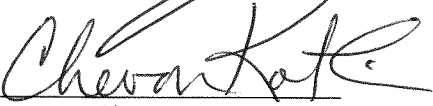
AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Marshall Long, Kevin Cann, Miles Menetrey


EXCUSED: Merlin Jones

CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORITY

County of Mariposa (Recipient) hereby certifies that the person(s) whose signature(s) appear below, are authorized to requisition funds from Rural Utilities Service for purposes authorized under the Distance Learning and Telemedicine financial assistance in accordance with the Grant and/or Loan Agreement(s).

Board Chair Miles Menetrey 
Title Name (print or type) Signature

Director, Health and Human Services Agency Chevon Kothari 
Title Name (print or type) Signature

Sr. Admin. Analyst, Health and Human Services Agency Randy Ridenhour 
Title Name (print or type) Signature


Bonding:

1. As Recipient of the financial assistance, I certify that we are:
a Unit of Government X **Not** a Unit of Government _____

2. As a non-governmental unit, the Recipient further certifies that Fidelity bond coverage, in an amount at least fifteen (15) percent of the grant, is currently in effect for those person(s) authorized above. The Recipient covenants that the bond coverage will remain in effect until disbursement of the financial assistance is completed. *(Fidelity bond coverage is not required if the Recipient is a unit of government or the amount of the financial assistance is less than \$100,000.)*

This certification will remain in force until such time as the financial assistance is fully disbursed or until rescinded by the Recipient and approved by the Rural Utilities Service.


County of Mariposa
(NAME OF GRANTEE)

By: 
Name (Signature)

Miles Menetrey
Name (Print or type)

Board Chair
Title (print or type)

Aug 7 2019
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

STEVEN W. DAHLEM
COUNTY COUNSEL