

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA**

For the Agenda of:
September 15, 2005
9:30 a.m.

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Department of Human Assistance

Subject: Report Back On Funding Request From Stanford Settlement, Inc., As Requested
By The Board Of Supervisors During 2005-2006 Final Budget Hearing.

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BACKGROUND:

During 2005-06 final budget hearings your Board requested a report back from the Department of Human Assistance on a Funding Request From Stanford Settlement, Inc.

The Department of Human Assistance has not heard directly from Stanford Settlement regarding a request for increased funding. However, to provide some context to your Board, we previously had five (5) contracts, with Stanford Settlement for: (1) the Senior Center funded by County General Funds, (2) Community Development Program funded by County General Funds, (3) Youth Development Program funded by Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Incentive Funds, (4) Delinquency Prevention Program funded by TANF Incentive Funds, and (5) a Senior Nutrition Site funded by combination of Area 4 on Aging funding and other funding including some County General Funds.

The Senior Center Contract was \$117,044 in FY 02-03 and operated a drop-in center from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Senior Center serves as a focal point for the elderly within the community to provide programs which encourage healthy aging, basic social services, and socialization activities. The Department continues to fund this program at a reduced level of \$75,000 using Tobacco Litigation Settlement funding.

The Community Development Program contract was for \$23,771 in FY 02-03 and was a community outreach program designed to increase participation and awareness of residents in the North area neighborhood and to promote a feeling of “neighbor helping neighbor”.

The Youth Development Program contract was for \$85,841 in FY 02-03 and was a voluntary program to improve school attendance and encourage school completion and to promote the development of social competence, problem solving skills, autonomy, and a positive sense of self. The program provided a comprehensive array of youth services that include support and encouragement for consistent school attendance, goal completion, and healthy relationships with each other, parents, school and community.

The Delinquency Prevention Program was for \$90,231 in FY 02-03 and was a voluntary delinquency prevention program which provided a comprehensive array of services to improve school attendance and encourage school completion and to promote the development of social competence, problem solving skills, autonomy, and a positive sense of self. The program provided support and encouragement to stay in school, set goals and build healthy relationships with each other, parents, school and community.

The Senior Nutrition Site contract was for \$1,500 in FY 02-03 and it has continued to be funded at that level through 05-06. This contract provides a congregate location to serve seniors in the Senior Nutrition Program.

Four of these contracts were eliminated in FY 03-04 when we had to reduce our Department budget by \$48 million. At that point, our Department had to eliminate "discretionary" contracts. The four Stanford Settlement contracts were among those eliminated. Your Board subsequently funded the Senior Center Program with \$75,000 of Tobacco Litigation Settlement funding. The Senior Nutrition Site funding was continued without interruption.

DISCUSSION:

The services that Stanford Settlement provides are, without question, important and beneficial to the neediest within the Sacramento community. Unfortunately, given the demands for mandated programs placed on our Department, the Department cannot absorb the costs of these contracts,

Our first priority for any funding source is to use it on mandated services. Given shortfalls in state / federal funds - and the workload demands associated with CalWIN - the first priority call on TANF and other funding sources has to be to meet our mandates. We anticipate all of our TANF funds will be needed to meet those mandates in FY 05-06, and we do not have any available County General Funds. The Department has been unable to fund any of the other discretionary contracts eliminated in FY 03-04.

Respectfully submitted,

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