

September 17, 2007

STAFF REPORT

MEMO TO: SUTTER COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION

FROM: DEB COULTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Discussion of Sustainability Fund

BACKGROUND: At the August study session as a part of the Financial Planning discussion the Commissioners discussed ideas around a variety of non traditional funding opportunities. Including but not limited to:

- Availability of funds to respond to community organization requests when there is no open Mini Grant RFP
- Availability of funds to respond to one time requests for funding that do not fall within Mini Grant guidelines
- Funds established by other Commissions using unexpended funds from each grantee during the fiscal year. The unexpended funds are placed into a separate "account" and used as Sustainability Funds or to respond to requests as mentioned above. Funds such as this at other Commissions have been called "Discretionary Funds" and set a limit of maximum requests for unanticipated opportunities that are consistent with the Strategic Plan.

CURRENT PROPOSAL: The Executive Director requests additional direction/discussion by the Commission to determine the interest in formal action on the issues listed above.

IMPACT ON COMMISSION RESOURCES: None.

RECOMMENDATION: Additional discussion.

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