



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 5/14/2019

File #: 19-670

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Agricultural Commissioner

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Approval of Cooperative Agreement No. 19-0035-000-SA, Certified Farmer's Market Inspection Contract in the Amount Of \$3,750

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Cooperative Agreement No. 19-0035-000-SA, known as the Certified Farmer's Market Inspection Program contract with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) in the amount of \$3,750;
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the original agreement, and direct the Clerk of the Board to return all signed copies to the Agricultural Commissioner's Office for further processing; and
3. Grant a waiver from the provisions of the Nuclear Free Ordinance.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

CDFA

DISCUSSION:

The waiver from the provision of the Nuclear Free Ordinance is requested since the State of California will not modify its cooperative agreements to accommodate local ordinances. The Agricultural Commissioner's Office receives annual subventions from CDFA to offset the local cost of enforcing certain state-mandated programs. CDFA's Direct Marketing Program provides opportunities for California farmers to market their products directly to consumers with standardization program exemptions for minimum size, labeling, standard pack, and container requirements. The direct marketing program is intended to provide a viable channel for California farmers to market their agricultural products directly to the consumer, thereby providing a significant source of revenue for participating farmers and access to local fresh produce for county residents.

Cooperative Agreement No. 19-0035-000-SA will provide funding for inspections and investigations related to violations of direct marketing program requirements for agricultural products offered for sale at certified farmer's markets (CFM) and participating producer's growing sites. Per the agreement, allowable expenses include, but are not limited to CFM growing ground and storage site inspections,

verification of declared acreage, crop type and production amounts consistent with producer's certificates, and inventory inspections of commodities offered for sale at certified locations. Each year Certified Farmer's Markets are operated throughout Humboldt County offering the opportunity to more than 130 certified producers to market raw agricultural products directly to consumers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Cooperative Agreement No. 19-0035-000-SA provides \$3,750 for certified farmer's market enforcement activities in FY 2019-20. Humboldt County will be reimbursed based on monthly invoices for actual costs incurred for investigations and associated inspections pre-approved by CDFA. Activities billable under the agreement include: inspection and investigatory work including follow-up inspections, administrative costs related to enforcement, mileage and travel time, contracting for hearing officers, and costs related to case closure. No supplemental budget accompanies this request as revenue and expenditure accounts were previously funded in anticipation of this agreement.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by enforcing laws and regulations to protect residents.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

CDFA

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion

ATTACHMENTS:

One complete Cooperative Agreement No. 19-0035-000-SA.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

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