



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 8/8/2023

File #: 23-1071

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Agricultural Commissioner

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: 4/5th

SUBJECT:

Approval of Cooperative Agreement No. 23-0091-000-SA known as the California Organic Program Contract with the California Department of Food and Agriculture in the amount of \$6,010.00 (4/5th Vote Required)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Cooperative Agreement No. 23-0091-000-SA, known as the California Organic Program Contract between Humboldt County and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA);
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the original agreement and 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 (4/5th Vote Required).

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

CDFA - General Fund (1100-261-525734)

DISCUSSION:

The Agricultural Commissioner's office receives annual subventions from CDFA to help offset the local cost of enforcing certain state-mandated programs. Pursuant to the California Food and Agriculture Code, Cooperative Agreement No. 23-0091-000-SA provides funds to Humboldt County for the local enforcement of State organic program requirements associated with the California Organic Foods Act. The County will receive payments as appropriate for activities related to organic producer registrations, renewals, amendments, inspections, pesticide residue monitoring and complaint investigations. Per the terms of the agreement, Humboldt County staff will conduct spot inspections of organic program registrants at their production sites and at farmer's markets to verify compliance with organic program requirements by program participants. County staff are also required to attend CDFA state organic program trainings and National Organic Program online trainings. In Humboldt County, there are currently more than 149 producers registered with the California Organic Program which

produce a variety of organic commodities on 100,309 acres of agricultural lands registered to produce organic crops. These organic crops include fruits and vegetables, dairy products, livestock, and forage crops.

The waiver from the provisions of the Nuclear Free Ordinance is requested because the State of California will not modify its cooperative agreements to accommodate local ordinances.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures (Fund, Budget Unit)	FY23-24	FY24-25 Projected
Budgeted Expenses	\$6,010	
Total Expenditures	\$6,010	
Funding Sources (Fund, Budget Unit)	FY23-24 Adopted	FY24-25 Projected*
State/Federal Funds	\$6,010	
Total Funding Sources	\$6,010	

**Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

Approval of Cooperative Agreement No. 23-0091-000-SA provides \$6,010.00 for the period from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. Payments are made in arrears in two blocks for work completed from July 1 to December 31, 2023, and from January 1 to June 30, 2024. Payments are based on invoices submitted to CDFA, with Humboldt County receiving \$60.00 for each new or amended organic registration, \$225.00 for each spot inspection, and \$75.00 for each initial visit and first organic inspection. An additional \$10.00 is paid for each organic program participant inspected at farmers' markets. For approved complaint investigations, the County will be reimbursed by CDFA for the actual costs of conducting the investigation. Random surveillance samples collected as part of organic program residue monitoring will be paid at the flat rate of \$130.00 for each sample collected. These funds were anticipated in fiscal year 2023-24 budget in Fund 1100, Budget Unit 261 - Agricultural Commissioner.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact as these activities are regular staff duties.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Framework.

Core Roles: Enforce laws and regulations to protect residents

New Initiatives: N/A

Strategic Plan: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

CDFA

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ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Your Board may choose not to approve the agreement, however, that is not recommended as it will not allow the county to receive reimbursement for these activities.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Cooperative Agreement No. 23-0091-000-SA

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-1

Meeting of: 6-28-22

File No.: 22-831