



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Legislation Text

File #: 19-930, **Version:** 1

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Sheriff

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Senior Wood Agreement between Humboldt Senior Resource Center and the County of Humboldt Sheriff's Work Alternative Program to Process Firewood

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Senior Wood Agreement between Humboldt Senior Resource Center (HSRC) and the County of Humboldt for the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) to process firewood (Attachment 1); and
2. Authorize the Sheriff to sign three original copies of the agreement and all amendments, extensions, revisions, or terminations of the agreement.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Humboldt Senior Resource Center

DISCUSSION:

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office operates the SWAP whereby low-risk offenders work off their sentences performing manual labor for public works or non-profit organizations in lieu of incarceration. SWAP has formed a partnership with the HSRC to provide a firewood distribution program that benefits low- to moderate-income senior citizens over 55 years of age whose primary source of heat is firewood. The firewood distribution program benefits both HSRC and SWAP by providing reasonably priced heat to low-income seniors, as well as allowing SWAP participants the opportunity to work in lieu of jail time.

The Senior Wood Agreement allows HSRC to procure wood, either through donations or purchases, from a variety of community sources, including local businesses and citizens of the county. SWAP processes the wood for \$20 per cord.

In fiscal year 2019-20 the HSRC will issue 1,000 firewood vouchers to local senior citizens who qualify for the program. Each voucher is good for one cord of firewood, however additional vouchers may be issued if the supply of wood is more than anticipated. Seniors are charged a fee per cord based

upon income and ability to pay. This is the largest fundraiser for the HSRC and all proceeds are used to provide other programs and services for Humboldt County senior citizens. This agreement covers firewood distribution for a period beginning July 8, 2019 and expiring on May 31, 2020.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

As specified in the agreement (Attachment 1), SWAP will process 1,000 cords of firewood to be sold by the Humboldt Senior Resource Center. HSRC will pay SWAP the sum of \$20,000 plus an additional \$20 per cord for processing firewood if the option for additional firewood is exercised. This revenue helps cover the costs of equipment, fuel and maintenance associated with the firewood distribution program. There are no changes to the prior year agreement quantities of firewood or price per cord. There will be no impact to the General Fund.

Trust Account 3886 Senior Firewood Process exists to hold funds until expenditures are necessary. The balance of the trust as of June 12, 2019 is \$37,093.95. For the fiscal year 2019-20, SWAP has budgeted to transfer \$10,000 from the trust to replace wood splitters and chainsaws. Revenue and expenses for fiscal year 2019-20 have been proposed as follows:

1100-243-612055 Senior Wood Process Revenue \$20,000
1100-243-9101 Transfer In from Trust 3886 Revenue \$10,000
1100-243-2199 Firewood Distribution Expense \$30,000

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by facilitating public/private partnerships to solve problems .

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Humboldt Senior Resource Center

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could deny approval of the Senior Wood Agreement with Humboldt Senior Resource Center; however, this is not recommended as it would leave HSRC without access to inexpensive firewood for distribution to low-income seniors in Humboldt County.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 - Senior Wood Agreement

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A
Meeting of: N/A
File No.: N/A