

NOTE: This Board Policy was deleted per action taken on 6-12-07 (14).

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Purpose

To Require County Departments to certify by written report to the Board of Supervisors or Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) that a proposed activity or project primarily paid by the State or Federal Governments would be worth expenditure of County funds, if aid from other agencies was not available.

Background

For many years the County has accepted Federal and State grants for projects and activities of marginal value. In part, the acceptance of these grants and revenue contracts have been justified by the availability of free money. In part, it was believed that if the County refused such funds, they would merely be spent in some other community.

With the national debt approaching one (1) trillion dollars and the decade-old State surplus virtually exhausted, these assumptions no longer apply. State and National policy-makers are reevaluating their fiscal policies and are more receptive to local direction.

To combat inflation and hold down the growth of taxation, governments at all levels must accept their responsibility to stop unnecessary spending.

Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that:

1. Departments will review all proposed grants, awards and contracts with other agencies by this criterion: If only County revenues were available to finance this project or activity, would this department still recommend it?
2. No grant, award or revenue contract with Federal, State or other external agencies will be approved by the Board of Supervisors or CAO without written certification from the department head that he or she would allocate direct County funds to begin it, if external financing were unavailable.

Procedure

1. The written report, encompassed in the Board or CAO letter, will review the worthiness of the grant or contract and identify its unique benefit to the well-being of the community. This report will be filed with the Board or CAO at the time when the grant, award or revenue contract approval is sought in accordance with Board Policy B-29,

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Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery (page 2, paragraphs 2 or 2a).

2. The CAO is responsible for the implementation and evaluation of this policy. All grant funded projects are subject to the requirements of CAO Administrative Policy 0030-13, Budget Program/Project Follow Up. Any grant funded personnel must coordinate the employment conditions through the Department of Human Resources and the Auditor and Controller, to ascertain that employment expiration coincides with the grant termination. An exception note through position control or an expiration date through the payroll system will be required.

Sunset Date

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-94.

Board Action

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7-30-91 (35)

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CAO Reference

1. Department of Human Resources

2. Auditor and Controller