

January 9, 2007

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health requests approval of FY 2006-07 contract with Ritter Center for \$50,000 to coordinate social services and provide to the basic needs of Marin County residents at the Ritter Center Day Service Center (New).

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize President to execute FY 06/07 contract with Ritter Center for \$50,000 to provide services at the Ritter Center Day Service Center.

SUMMARY: The Ritter Center Day Service Center coordinates social services and provides to the basic needs of the people of Marin County. The Center offers residents hot showers, hygiene supplies, restrooms, laundry facilities and supplies, storage lockers, counseling, information, and referral. Clients are able to access additional Ritter Center services including: case management, housing assistance and related educational workshops along with linkage and referral, general delivery mail pick-up and private voicemail, clothing, emergency food, and various emergency financial assistance including prescription medications. Finally, clients in need of medical attention may access services at the Ritter Health Center, located in the same building. Services at the Health Center include primary medical care, physical exams and evaluations, adult immunizations, wound and foot care, along with referral to other medical providers and treatment coordination.

The proposed contract is part of the Department's allocation of "community benefit funds" designated to the Department by the Board of Supervisors for the FY 2006-07 budget.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS: Ritter Center offers residents a safe, nurturing day environment where they may attend to their basic needs and receive appropriate medical, case management and information and referrals to other needed services.

FISCAL IMPACT: The cost of this contract is budgeted in the HHS General Administration fund center 1000011000.

Reviewed By:	Auditor Controller	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Respectfully submitted,

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