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October 29, 2024

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California 93009

Subject: Receive and File a Report on the First-of-its-kind Statewide Government Disability Summit Hosted by the County of Ventura; Delegation and Authorization for the County Executive Officer or her Designee to Make Changes to the Agreement with the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Foundation Approved by your Board on March 12, 2024, Up to a New Cumulative County Cost Not-to-Exceed \$55,000, Subject to Prior Review by County Counsel.

Recommendations:

1. Receive and file a report on the first-of-its-kind statewide government disability summit hosted by the County of Ventura September 24th-27th, 2024.
2. Delegate authority to the County Executive Officer or her designee to make changes to the agreement approved by your Board on March 12, 2024 with the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Foundation up to a cumulative County cost not-to-exceed \$55,000, subject to the prior review by County Counsel.

Fiscal Impact:

Fund G001 County Executive Office, Division 1050 – Special Accounts and Contributions

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	General Fund
Funding Match Required:	No
Impact on Other Departments:	No

Summary of Revenues and Costs:		FY 2024-25	FY2025-26
Revenues:		\$0	\$0
Costs:			
	Direct	\$55,000	\$0
	Indirect-Dept	\$0	\$0
	Indirect-County CAP	\$0	\$0
	Total Cost	\$55,000	\$0
	Net County Cost	\$55,000	\$0
	Recovered Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0

FY 2024-25 Budget Projection for CEO Special Accounts and Contributions - 1050				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$78,144,369	\$78,144,369	\$78,144,369	\$0
Revenue	\$5,954,000	\$5,954,000	\$5,954,000	\$0
Net Cost	\$72,190,369	\$72,190,369	\$72,190,369	\$0

Sufficient appropriations are available in the FY 2024-25 Special Accounts and Contributions Budget for the costs associated with the recommended actions.

Strategic Priority:

The government disability summit supports the County of Ventura’s Healthy, Safe, and Resilient Communities priority as well as the Office of Disability Access’ Environment Focused on Disability Community Incorporation and Accessible, Mobile, and Reliable Foundation and Environment Focused on Disability Community Incorporation priorities.

Discussion:

Across California, government agencies and organizations face significant challenges in

creating inclusive environments for people with disabilities. Access barriers—physical, technological, and policy-related—often prevent individuals with disabilities from fully participating in civic life, employment, education, and social activities. Historically, there has been limited collaboration between government levels and stakeholders to address these issues in a comprehensive manner. Ventura County sought to change this by creating a forum where representatives from various levels of government and private sectors could come together to focus on solutions.

To address this challenge, the Office of Disability Access, within the County Executive Office, successfully conducted the first-of-its-kind statewide government and disability summit (Summit), a multi-day event held on September 24-27, 2024 that brought together government agencies (city, county, and state), nonprofit organizations, disability-related subject matter experts, and individuals with lived experience from across California to engage in meaningful dialogue and collaboration.

The Summit featured expert speakers, workshops, and two-tracts of collaborative breakout sessions designed to identify practical, innovative solutions to accessibility, services provision, cultural, and programmatic issues specific to California's disability community. By hosting this event, Ventura County created a space for government representatives and non-profits to learn from each other and from the disability community, fostering new approaches to change at the local, county, and state levels.

Dani Anderson, County Disability Access Manager, will provide a report on the successes achieved at the first-of-its-kind statewide Summit during this agenda item.

In addition to receiving a report on the Summit, your Board is requested to delegate authority to the County Executive Officer or her designee to make changes to the Summit fiduciary agreement approved by your Board on March 12, 2024, with the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Foundation (VCAAAF) up to a cumulative County cost not-to-exceed \$55,000, subject to prior review by County Counsel.

The agreement approved by your Board in March 2024 (Exhibit 1) set up VCAAAF as the County's fiduciary agent to receive funding from conference registration fees, sponsor donations, and other sources of funding, and as the agent to execute

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necessary contracts with service providers and suppliers to be paid out of such revenues. The authorization to increase the total cumulative cost to the County will enable the County to settle any/all outstanding expenses for the Summit. The County does wish to thank the VCAAAF and the many sponsors that stepped forward to make this groundbreaking Summit possible.

The County Executive Office, Auditor-Controller, and County Counsel have reviewed this letter. If you have any questions regarding this item, please feel free to contact Dani Anderson, Disability Access Manager, (820) 732-8725, dani.anderson@ventura.org.

Sincerely,



Sevet Johnson, PsyD
County Executive Officer

Exhibit 1: Agreement between the County of Ventura and the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Foundation Regarding a Local Government and Disability Summit