



COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION
DRIVE, ROOM 102A
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 3/1/2022

To: Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): Board of Supervisors

Staff Name and Phone Number: Supervisor Lynda Hopkins 707-565-2241

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): Fifth

Title:

Fee Waiver - AARP Tax Aide Program

Recommended Action:

Approve Board Sponsorship of \$5,365 to the Sebastopol Center for the Arts for the AARP Tax-Aide Program at the Sebastopol Veteran's Memorial Building from February 1, 2022 through April 12, 2022. (Fifth District)

Executive Summary:

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program conduct no cost tax preparation assistance for low income individuals and families, with special attention to those ages 50 or older. Last tax season which was abbreviated due to the mandated shutdown, AARP prepared tax returns for 1921 taxpayers in Sonoma County (114 people at the Sebastopol Veterans Memorial Building) and assisted another 150 taxpayers by answering questions, reviewing paperwork and helping them with letters from the Franchise Tax Board and IRS. The average annual income of those helped was \$35,706 and 84% were over 60 years old. AARP plans to offer in person tax preparation in 2022 providing a low contact program by appointment only so there will be a minimal number of people in the waiting area. AARP volunteers and clients will always wear masks in the building. Covid-19 vaccines and boosters are required for all AARP Volunteers. The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program receives no tax funding and we can only operate in locations where there is no facility charge.

Discussion:

None

Prior Board Actions:

12-06-2016, 12-12-2017, 12-04-2018, 01-14-2020, and 03-02-2021

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 21-22 Adopted	FY22-23 Projected	FY 23-24 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested	\$5,365		
Total Expenditures	\$5,365		
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			

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State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies	\$5,365		
Total Sources	\$5,365		

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

None

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

None

Attachments:

AARP request letter and application

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None