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GRANT PRIORITIES

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These priorities are projects on which the Intergovernmental Affairs Division will focus efforts to assist departments with grant opportunities. The establishment of grant priorities does not preclude departments from pursuing grants that are not on the list.

Agricultural marketing initiative. Funding would allow the Yolo County Agricultural Marketing Initiative to continue. The initiative was started in 2007 and ended in 2009 as a result of the budget crisis. The initiative includes maintenance of an inventory of farms, restaurants, and events where local food is served and provides current information about events and menus on the “Taste of Yolo” web site. It also provides a media outreach campaign, workshops, and other events centered around local food products.

Obesity prevention action plan. Funding would allow development of an obesity action plan, coordinated across county departments and community groups interested in preventing and reducing obesity. At this point, no agency has the capacity to coordinate obesity prevention efforts across agencies and across organizations. In addition, most potential grantors require multi-jurisdiction collaboration before they award funding to communities for obesity prevention. A coordinated obesity prevention action plan will contain recommendations for priority next steps, such as training of planners to identify opportunities in the built environment to encourage exercise, construction of new parks, nutrition classes, or other efforts.

Gang violence prevention. Funding would allow a countywide coalition of law enforcement agencies to reduce gang violence through education and prevention. The funds would allow law enforcement officials to work with school districts and families of truant children to improve school attendance, including home visits and prosecution of appropriate cases. The funding would also enable officers to provide preventative education for school-age children and prosecutors and quickly and efficiently identify and prosecute juveniles who commit serious criminal acts.

Alternative Transportation Corridor. Yolo County, the City of Woodland, and the City of Davis need \$2.6 million for design, engineering, and right-of-way acquisition for an

off-road bike path between Davis and Woodland. Yolo County and the cities completed a feasibility study in 2009 and have jointly selected a preferred alternative for the path. This project will provide the first off-road bicycle path between the two cities, therefore encouraging bicycle commuting opportunities (including commuting by electric bike) and helping to address climate change by reducing vehicles miles traveled in the region.

Esparto Multi-Family Housing Project. Funding is needed for the initial stages of a multi-unit affordable housing complex in Esparto that will serve farmworkers, casino workers, and other county residents in need of affordable housing.