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2011 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.

#1: *Emergency placement foster parent recruitment program.* Senate Bill 1214 (Wolk, 2010) extended the sunset date allowing the use of the Yolo County Crisis Nursery for temporary, emergency placements for foster children to 2012, while extending the sunset for crisis nursery licensing provisions generally to 2014. The County needs funding to develop an emergency placement foster parent recruitment and training program before the sunset date. Estimated need is \$100,000 in the first year and \$80,000 in future years.

#2: *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 kids 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.

#3: *Mentally ill offender crime reduction.* Identify potential opportunities for funding similar to the Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction grants. Pursue grant funds for a mental health court.

#4: *Animal shelter.* Pursue funding opportunities for short-term needs as well as eventual replacement of the Yolo County Animal Shelter. The County will coordinate with community advocacy groups that support animal welfare to identify needs and raise funds for implementation of recommendations.

#5: *Library broadband improvements.* Pursue funding for improvements broadband infrastructure at the Yolo County Library branches. The County will engage in regional efforts to expand broadband infrastructure, including the Valley Vision Broadband collaborative, to increase chances successfully applying for funds.

#6: *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.

#7: *Small community infrastructure improvements.* The Economic Development Division is in the process of developing an infrastructure plan for small communities in Yolo County, including improvements needed to address public health issues. Funding is needed to implement the plan's top recommendations. The County will coordinate with SACOG, the Strategic Growth Council, and other entities interested in funding infrastructure improvements in disadvantaged communities.

#8: *Affordable elder and workforce housing projects.* Funding is needed for multi-unit affordable housing complex in Esparto that will serve farmworkers, casino workers, and other county residents in need of affordable housing. The County should make use of funding available from State and federal programs that provide low-cost financing or subsidies for the production of affordable housing and require the County's direct participation.

#9: *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.

#10: *Off-Highway Vehicle restoration and recreation area.* Pursue state grant funds to restore areas of the County impacted by illegal OHV activity and to protect areas from unauthorized use through enforcement. Pursue funds to establish a lawful off-highway vehicle recreation area.

#11: *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.

#12: *Electronic record system.* Pursue funding for an electronic records system that will streamline eligibility and record keeping for Yolo County's health and human services programs, while ensuring compliance with HIPAA and other requirements. This will create a one-stop shop for information about benefits. Currently consumers go to the Children's Alliance, get a print-out of all programs for which they're eligible, and then visit different departments to sign up and/or confirm eligibility.