COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 8/13/2024

File #: 24-1066

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Agricultural Commissioner

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:
Approval of Cooperative Agreement No. 24-0087-000-SA Known as the California Organic Inspection Program Contract with the California Department of Food and Agriculture in the Amount of $6,010.00

RECOMMENDATION(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Cooperative Agreement No. 24-0087-000-SA, known as the California Organic Inspections Program Contract between the County of Humboldt and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA);
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the original agreement and return all signed copies to the Agricultural Commissioner's office for further processing; and
3. Grant a waiver from the provisions of the Nuclear Free Ordinance.

STRATEGIC PLAN:
This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Core Services/Other
Strategic Plan Category: 9999 - Core Services/Other

DISCUSSION:
The Agricultural Commissioner's Office receives annual subventions from the CDFA to help offset the local cost of enforcing certain state-mandated programs. Pursuant to the California Food and Agriculture Code, Cooperative Agreement No. 24-0087-000-SA provides funds to Humboldt County for the local enforcement of state organic program requirements associated with the California Organic Food and Farming Act. The county will receive payments as appropriate for activities related to organic producer registrations, renewals, amendments, inspections, pesticide residue monitoring and complaint investigations.

Per the terms of the agreement, Humboldt County staff will conduct spot inspections of organic program registrants at their production sites and at farmer's markets to verify compliance with organic program requirements by program participants. County staff are also required to attend CDFA state organic program trainings and National Organic Program online trainings.

The waiver from the provisions of the Nuclear Free Ordinance is requested because the State of California will not modify its cooperative agreements to accommodate local ordinances. This contract comes to the Board after the start of the term due to late receipt from the CDFA.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:
CDFA - General Fund (1100-261-525734)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures (1100, 261)	**FY24-25**	**FY25-26 Projected***
Budgeted Expenses	$6,010	$6,010
Additional Appropriation Requested		
Total Expenditures	$6,010	$6,010

**Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

Funding Sources (1100, 261)	**FY24-25**	**FY25-26 Projected***
State/Federal Funds	$6,010	$6,010
Total Funding Sources	$6,010	$6,010

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Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:
Approval of Cooperative Agreement No. 24-0087-000-SA provides $6,010 for the period from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. Payments are made in arrears in two block payments for work completed from July 1 to December 31, 2024, and from January 1 to June 30, 2025. Payments are based on invoices submitted to CDFA, with Humboldt County receiving $60 for each new or amended organic registration, $225 for each spot inspection and $75 for each initial visit and first organic inspection. An additional $10 is paid for each organic program participant inspected at farmers' markets.

For approved complaint investigations, the county will be reimbursed by the CDFA for the actual costs of conducting the investigation. Random surveillance samples collected as part of organic program residue monitoring will be paid at the flat rate of $130 for each sample collected. These funds were anticipated in fiscal year 2024-25 budget in Fund 1100, Budget Unit 261 - Agricultural Commissioner.

STAFFING IMPACT:
Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impact:
There is no staffing impact as these activities are regular staff duties.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:
N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:
Your Board may choose not to approve the agreement, however, that is not recommended as it will not allow the county to receive reimbursement for these activities.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Cooperative Agreement No. 24-0087-000-SA

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:
Meeting of: August 8, 2023
File No.: 23-1071