

**TO:** Roger Breed, Ed.D.  
Commissioner of Education

**FROM:** Mark Schultz, Administrator  
Vocational Rehabilitation

**SUBJECT:** Approve a renewal contract with The Abilities Fund for management services to assist individuals with disabilities in starting and/or expanding self employment opportunities.

### **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Abilities Fund is a non-profit organization committed to the economic advancement of individuals with disabilities. They provide assistance to individuals with disabilities in becoming self-sufficient by exploring self-employment opportunities, and train Vocational Rehabilitation staff on effective methods of facilitating self-employment plans. Services will also include feasibility studies, business planning, and monitoring services.

#### **Estimated Cost**

\$230,000.00

**Supporting Documentation Included:** N/A

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