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**ALAMEDA COUNTY FUND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE TO HOST
Fund Development Symposium**

April 8, 2015 (San Leandro, CA) – On April 28, the Alameda County Fund Development Office (FDO), a joint venture of the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, Social Services Agency, and Probation Department, will celebrate its fifth anniversary by hosting its first Stakeholder Symposium. The purpose is to celebrate collaborative achievements, explore emerging trends in competitive grant making, and discover how new social financing models are fostering innovation and scaling what works in the public sector.

“The Fund Development Office is a unique model of efficiency and collaboration that has seldom if ever been tried in major government systems. This Symposium will both recognize and celebrate the progressive, visionary leaders of Alameda County’s government agencies and departments who investment in the FDO concept to the benefit of the populations we serve,” said Cynthia Burnett, Development Director, of Alameda County’s Fund Development Office.

The day-long event will take place at the California Endowment in downtown Oakland with keynote speaker, Dan Boggan, Interim CEO, Alameda Health System and a panel of community experts. The first portion of the event targets FDO partners, collaborators, investors, clients and stakeholders who have a vested interest in the FDO’s work. The second portion of the day is tailored to client agency staff who are directly involved in grant writing or grants administration. The Symposium is free but space is limited.

Media are welcome to cover the event. Staff and speakers will be available for interviews between 12:30 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Since the FDO pilot launched in 2011, it has raised more than \$44 million in support of county programs and initiatives from sources ranging from federal, state, and local government, to philanthropy and trade associations.

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The mission of the Alameda County Fund Development Office is to facilitate high-yield, strategic fundraising that promotes the health, safety, and social and economic well-being of Alameda county residents. This is accomplished through sharing fundraising practice standards, tools, and talent across public agencies.