



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: November 29, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Daniel L.B. Nielsen, MPA, Interim Director
Director(s) Public Health Department
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SUBJECT: Health Resources and Services Administration Grant – Community Project
Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending – Construction (#CE1HS46915)

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: General Services

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following recommendations:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Public Health Department (PHD) Director to accept a grant award for the County's Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Grant Award CE1HS46915 from the Community Project Funding / Congressionally Directed Spending – Construction Program for the period of August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2025 in the amount of \$900,000 (Attachment A);
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Notice of Federal Interest (NFI), which will meet grant requirements and inform all persons or entities who have or may seek to obtain an interest of any kind in the Property, the Federal interest in the property, or any improvements thereto (Attachment B);
- c) Approve and authorize the Budget Revision BJE 0008593 in the amount of \$900,000 from the Federal Government for HRSA supplemental funding to support health care renovation projects at the Lompoc Health Care Center; and,
- d) Determine that the recommended actions are not a "Project" with the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and are exempt per CEQA Guideline section 15378(b)(5), since the recommended actions are organizational or administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the Agenda for your Board to approve, ratify, and authorize the PHD Director to accept a grant award of \$900,000 from HRSA Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending – Construction Program to support health care renovation projects. This award will strengthen the County’s primary health care infrastructure and further advance health equity and health outcomes at the Lompoc Health Care Center.

Background:

Congress appropriated funding in the Federal FY 2022-23 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 117-103) for Community Project Funding (CPF)/Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) projects that relate to construction and renovation (including equipment) of health care facilities. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through HRSA, has made this award available to Santa Barbara County’s FQHC in Lompoc. The clients at the Lompoc Health Care Center represent the under resourced and underserved populations in Lompoc and the renovations will expand the clinic to increase capacity, patient flow, and the overall client experience.

PHD serves a critical role by providing access to health care for the uninsured and underinsured through a county-wide network of Health Care Centers (HCCs) and homeless shelter-based clinics. The Lompoc Health Care Center (301 N R St, Lompoc, CA 93436 - LHCC) is a HRSA Clinic and is the flagship FQHC Center within the County of Santa Barbara Health Care System serving 8,600 individuals with over 35,000 patient visits annually. The facility site and buildings on the site are owned by the County of Santa Barbara. With the completion of this construction project, the facility will be expanded to increase capacity, operational flow, service delivery, and overall client experience. The completed project will offer improved access to comfortable, safe waiting areas, offices, and services.

In addition, a critical generator will be added to support the Primary Care Center building systems, IT infrastructure, and refrigerated medicines, in the event of a power outage or emergency. The generator is a critical addition that will serve to create and further enhance community health resilience in Lompoc.

General Services/Capital Projects has hired an architect through a bidding process and will return to the Board of Supervisors seeking approval of the plans and specification per Public Contract Code 20124. In addition, General Services will complete an environmental review.

The Notice of Award for this grant includes conditions on use of the property and provides for a continuing Federal interest in the property. Specifically, the property may not be (1) used for any purpose inconsistent with the statute and any program regulations governing the award under which the property was acquired; (2) mortgaged or otherwise used as collateral without the written permission of the Associate Administrator, Office of Federal Assistance Management (OFAM), HRSA, or designee; or (3) sold or transferred to another party without the written permission of Associate Administrator, OFAM, HRSA, or designee. These conditions are in accordance with the statutory provisions set forth in Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, (PL 117-103), Title 45 CFR part 74 or 92 (as appropriate), the HHS Grants Policy Statement, and other terms and conditions of award.

These grant conditions and requirements cannot be nullified or voided through a transfer of ownership. Therefore, advance notice of any proposed change in usage or ownership must be provided to HRSA and OFAM. As a requirement of the grant, PHD must record a NFI with the County Clerk Assessors office. A notarized and recorded copy of the NFI is required to be submitted to HRSA, as well.

Performance Measure:

HRSA requires that PHD use the funds for projects that relate to the construction and renovation (including equipment) of health care facilities. PHD must budget, and report on activities to HRSA on a periodic basis. There are no specific performance measures other than how the funds are expended.

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

At this time PHD is seeking approval by the Board to accept a grant from the HRSA Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending - Construction Program in the amount of \$900,000 to support a health care renovation project at the Lompoc Health Care Center. Since the General Services Department will act as the Project Manager for the project, the entire amount will be transferred to them for management of the funds for all project-related expenditures. Approval of Budget Revision 0008593 will amend the Adopted FY 2022-23 Budgets of both Public Health and General Services to facilitate this transfer for the project.

This action is not anticipated to increase the need for any additional staff or facilities.

This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of an award totaling \$900,000 with zero percentage financed with non-governmental sources. The contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by HRSA, HHS, or the U.S. Government. For more information, please visit HRSA.gov.

Key Contract Risks:

N/A

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) original Notice of Interest and retain one (1) original NFI and one (1) Minute Order for pick-up by the department. Please email Margaret “Margs” Fitzwilliam, PHD Contracts Unit at MFitzwilliamFigueroa@sbcphd.org when items are available for pickup.

Attachments:

- A. HRSA Notice of Grant Award CE1HS46915
- B. Notice of Federal Interest
- C. Budget Revision BJE #0008593

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