



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: June 07, 2011
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: **Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) Agreement**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form:

Recommended Actions:

That the Board Supervisors approve and authorize the Public Health Department Director to execute State Revenue Agreement (Number 10-10144) with the California Department of Public Health Office of AIDS, in the amount of \$569,241 for Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) for Fiscal Years 2010-11 through 2012-13.

Summary Text:

The Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) funding Agreement is provided by the Housing and Urban Development Department through the State Office of AIDS to the Public Health Department (PHD) to prevent homelessness or assist those "at risk" of becoming homeless. The State Office of AIDS has allocated \$569,241 for support of housing and case management services for people living with AIDS.

The Public Health Department has met with the local community planning advisory group, the HIV Prevention and Care Council (HPCC), to determine appropriate usage of this funding. The proposal adopted by PHD from the HPCC is depicted in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Annual fund allocations for Santa Barbara County HOPWA Program (FYs 2010-11 through 2012-13).

Pacific Pride Foundation	\$ 76,465
AIDS Housing Santa Barbara	70,000
Casa Esperanza	30,000
Public Health Department	13,282
Total Annual Award	\$189,747

The funding proposal in Table 1 above includes:

- Maintain funding for the Pacific Pride Foundation to provide medical case management and short-term rental, mortgage or utility housing assistance for HIV clients. This emergency funding helps to keep HIV positive clients in their housing rather than becoming homeless. This countywide short-term assistance is a stopgap measure to prevent homelessness and often allows for HIV/AIDS clients to transition to more permanent housing such as in the rental market. Assistance is provided based upon application, client status and immediate need. Clients are provided information and applications for the program from all medical and social service providers in the continuum of care. Approximately 25% of HIV/AIDS clients reside in the north county area and the remainder resides in the south county area.
- Maintain funding to AIDS Housing Santa Barbara (Sarah House) for increasing demand for 12- and 24-hour care for HIV clients.
- Maintain funding for Casa Esperanza to provide outreach/housing information services as well as housing case management services to those HIV positive homeless clients.
- Maintain the 7% cap in funding to support the Public Health Department administrative oversight as the fiscal agent for the HOPWA program.

This authorization is retroactive to July 1, 2010. Although the HOPWA allocation award was made from the Office of AIDS to Santa Barbara County in early July 2010, due to the State budget crisis and delays in enacting the FY 2010-11 budget, the Public Health Department did not receive the final Agreement until April 28, 2011. During these delays, the Public Health Department experienced salary savings for FY 2010-11 to provide an additional \$5,000 and \$2,000 allocation for AIDS Housing Santa Barbara and Pacific Pride Foundation, respectively. These additional allocations are needed to support higher than anticipated demands for 12-hour care at Sarah House and short-term rental, mortgage and utility assistance through the Pacific Pride Foundation program.

Background:

The Department of Public Health Services, Office of AIDS administers the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) statewide Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) program. The Office of AIDS has reallocated unexpended funds from FY 2009-10 and has received a slight funding increase from HUD to expand the HOPWA program in the local communities. The Public Health Department received an increase of approximately \$7,000 per year over the previous agreement amounts.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes.

Fiscal Analysis:

Approval of Agreement 10-10144 does not increase General Fund contribution. The FY 2010-11 FIN budget and the FY 2011-12 Recommended budget are both consistent with the \$189,747 amount per year. No FIN entries are needed if action is approved.

Staffing Impacts:

The funding increase expands two existing purchase order agreements for: AIDS Housing Santa Barbara and Pacific Pride. Existing PHD administrative staff and leadership will continue to accomplish the tasks and responsibilities associated with oversight of these existing client service agreements.

Special Instructions:

Please send a certified Minute Order to the Public Health Department Contacts Unit at 300 N. San Antonio Rd. Bldg 8, Attn: Contracts Unit.

Attachments:

California Department of Public Health Agreement 10-10144

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