



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:** July 8, 2014  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer  
Director Public Health Department  
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**SUBJECT:** Tuberculosis Control Program Special Needs Award

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** NONE

As to form:

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Acceptance of Award for the Tuberculosis Control Program with the California Department of Public Health Tuberculosis Control Branch to support tuberculosis Special Needs for the period of July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in the amount of \$34,588.
- b) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), since this is a government funding mechanism that does not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in a potential significant physical impact on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to accept a "Special Needs Award" to the Public Health Department's (PHD) Tuberculosis Control Program for FY 2014-15. The California Department of Public Health Tuberculosis (TB) Control Branch has awarded these funds to assist Santa Barbara County in treating individuals with active and latent TB and expanding contact investigation efforts to prevent further spread of the disease.

**Background:**

Tuberculosis control is a core public health function involving both treating individuals with active TB and screening and treating those in close contact with infectious individuals to prevent further spread.

The State TB Control Branch is making additional federal funds available to local public health jurisdictions experiencing a need for additional resources to effectively respond to and expand contact investigations involving outbreak and multi-drug resistant situations. Funds must be used in accordance with the State policies and procedures.

There are currently 29 individuals with active TB and over 300 close contacts requiring evaluation in Santa Barbara County. Additional resources, made available with this funding, will allow for the effective management of a current large-scale TB outbreak and multi-drug resistant contact investigations. Timely and comprehensive public health interventions are vital to preventing future outbreaks and promoting public safety.

Tuberculosis is a contagious disease that is transmitted through the air from one person to another by tiny infectious airborne particles expelled when a person with tuberculosis coughs, sneezes or speaks. Anyone inhaling the air containing these particles may become infected

For each TB case encountered, the Public Health Disease Control staff may investigate and screen an average of 15-20 contacts per case in a typical household setting. In congregate settings, where extensive exposure has occurred, contact counts are significantly higher.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Approving and authorizing the Chair to execute an Acceptance of Award to implement this Special Needs Award of \$34,588 for the first 6 months of Fiscal Year 2014-15 will allow for the provision of ongoing TB control activities, and will be used to cover the costs associated with the current TB outbreak in Santa Barbara County. This funding will be used to support a 1.0 FTE extra help Health Services Aide, motor pool costs and Public Health Lab services for TB testing. A budget revision request will be processed when the FY 2014-15 budget is available in the County's Financial Information System (FIN).

This action will not result in the need for any additional facilities.

**Special Instructions:**

Please hold one (1) executed original Acceptance of Award document and one (1) certified Minute Order for pick-up by PHD. Please email [phdcu@sbcphd.org](mailto:phdcu@sbcphd.org) when the documents are ready.

**Attachments:**

Acceptance of Award for Tuberculosis Special Needs Funds; Period July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

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