



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 7, 2020  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Van Do Reynoso, MPH, PhD  
Director(s) Public Health Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Hepatitis C Virus Collaboration Project Grant and Access Support Network  
HCV Agreement

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management  
As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute Grant Agreement Number 19-10941 and required certifications with California Department of Public Health to accept funding for the implementation of the Hepatitis C Virus Collaboration Project in the amount not to exceed \$921,640 for the grant period December 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024 (Attachment A);
- b) Approve and authorize the Public Health Director, or designee, to make Project Representative changes in accordance with the Grant Agreement;
- c) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute a Professional Services Agreement with the Access Support Network for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$115,205 per year, not to exceed the maximum contract amount of \$460,820. (Attachment B);
- d) Determine that this action is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline section 15378(b)(4), since the recommended action is a government fiscal activity which does not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to execute a Grant Agreement with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to accept one-time funding to implement a Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Collaboration Project, and to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Access Support Network for HIV and HCV activities in Santa Barbara County.

**Background:**

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is providing funding to local health departments to implement public health activities related to monitoring, prevention, testing, and linkage to and retention in care activities for the most vulnerable and underserved individuals living with, or at high risk for, HCV infection in collaboration with a community-based organizations.

Health and Safety Code Section 122440 requires that no less than 50 percent of the funds allocated be provided to community-based organizations (CBOs). Santa Barbara County Public Health Department released a Request for Application to several community based organizations with experience in providing prevention services to people at high risk for Hepatitis C. After the review of several proposals, the committee selected to fund Access Support Network.

PHD will use this funding to implement a community-based approach to reduce current and future Hepatitis C cases in Santa Barbara County, activities include:

- Develop and implement a public education and outreach program to raise Hepatitis C awareness in high-risk groups, physician's offices, among health care workers, and in health care facilities
- Enhancement of surveillance and case follow up for acute hepatitis C cases and other priority populations;
- Subcontract with Access Support Network to provide
  - Testing, linkages to care, care coordination, and assurance of treatment for vulnerable and underserved clients at high risk for hepatitis C infection
  - Implementation of community-based testing and linkages to care services

**Performance Measure: Public Health Department**

- Conduct case follow up among newly reported chronic hepatitis C cases for individuals between 15-29 years of age to assure linkage to hepatitis C care and treatment.
- Conduct case follow up for people with HIV/HCV coinfection and ensure that at least 50% of cases receive HCV treatment.

**Access Support Network**

- Conduct HCV antibody testing for individuals at high risk for HCV infection, with an emphasis on high priority settings. Ensure 65 percent of people with a reactive antibody test will receive a follow up HCV RNA test.
- Ensure the navigation and linkages to care for 65 percent of people with a positive HCV RNA test or who were previously diagnosed with HCV.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State	230,410.00	230,410.00	921,640.00
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 230,410.00</b>	<b>\$ 230,410.00</b>	<b>\$ 921,640.00</b>

Approving, ratifying, and authorizing the Chair to execute this Grant Agreement with California Department of Public Health (CDPH) will allow the Public Health Department to accept one-time, 4-year funding totaling \$921,640 for a Hepatitis C Virus Collaboration Project. The grant period is listed as December 1, 2019; however, activities are not reimbursable until execution of the Grant Agreement, and the term ends June 30, 2024. \$184,300 of this grant is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 adopted budget. A budget revision will be done if it looks like the Department will utilize the entire allocation of \$230,410. A requirement of the grant is that 50% of the funding is to be allocated to community-based organizations. The rest of the funding will pay for budgeted staff, and services and supplies.

**Key Contract Risks:**

N/A

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

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**FTEs:**

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**Special Instructions:** Please execute three (3) originals of the Hepatitis C Virus Collaboration Project Agreement and two (2) originals of the Access Support Network Professional Services Agreement and retain two (2) originals of the Hepatitis C Virus Collaboration Project Agreement and one (1) original of the Access Support Network Professional Services Agreement and one (1) Minute Order for pick up by the department. Please email the PHD Contracts Unit Supervisor at [Kelly.Lazarus@sbcphd.org](mailto:Kelly.Lazarus@sbcphd.org) when available for pick up.

**Attachments:**

- A. Hepatitis C Virus Collaboration Project #19-10941, County of Santa Barbara
- B. Access Support Network Independent Contractor Agreement

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