



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 18, 2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD, Director
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SUBJECT: Tuberculosis Control Program Food, Shelter, Incentives and Enablers (FSIE)
Award

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form:

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an Acceptance of Award for the Tuberculosis Control Program with the California Department of Public Health, Tuberculosis Control Branch to assist in providing food, shelter, incentives and enablers (FSIE Award) for TB patients, patients suspected of having TB and/or contacts to TB patients. The award is for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$70,512.
- B. Determine that these activities are not a project and are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), since the recommended actions are government fiscal activities which do 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 accept additional funding for the existing FSIE Award (Attachment A) for the Public Health Department's (PHD) Tuberculosis Control Program for FY 2018-19. The California Department of Public Health Tuberculosis (TB) Control Branch has awarded these funds to assist Santa Barbara County in treating individuals with active, resistant, and latent TB and expanding contact investigation efforts to prevent further spread of the disease.

Background:

Due to a recent influx of tuberculosis (TB) cases among children and adults with complex and resistant TB strains, the PHD has requested and received additional funding from the California Department of Public Health to support TB control and prevention efforts. TB control is a mandated core public health function involving both treatment of individuals with active TB and screening of individuals with contact to infectious cases to prevent further spread of the disease. The funds must be used in accordance with the State policies and procedures.

During 2018, there were 24 new cases of active TB in Santa Barbara County; representing an increase from the average 12 cases over the past three years. Additional resources made available with this funding, will allow for ongoing and expanded contact investigations, extended treatment and case management for children, adults with advanced disease and resistant TB cases. These funds will also support the program's ability to isolate individuals with active and suspected TB for extended periods while patients are infectious.

TB is a contagious disease that is transmitted through the air from one person to another by 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 PHD Disease Control and Prevention 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:

The Board of Supervisors previously accepted an award from the California Department of Public Health Tuberculosis Control Branch (TBCB) for 28,719 in FSIE funding in February of 2019. Santa Barbara County requested additional FSIE funding of \$70,512. This additional funding was approved by TBCB on 6/04/2019, and needs Santa Barbara's Acceptance of Award by 6/14/2019. Due to the timing of the award, the funding will be received in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 for FSIE expenditures that occurred in Fiscal Year 2018-2019. This revenue will be accrued for the current year to match the actual expenditures that have occurred during Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Special Instructions:

Please retain one (1) executed original TB FSIE Acceptance Award and one (1) certified Minute Order for pick-up by PHD. Please email phdcu@sbcphd.org when the documents are ready.

Attachments:

- A. TB FSIE Acceptance Award

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