

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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**Agenda Number:**  
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**Department Name:** Public Health Department  
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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Roger E. Heroux, Director  
Public Health Department

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**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of Grant Award, Ryan White Title III Out Patient Early Intervention Services with Respect to HIV Disease and Professional Services Agreement with Pacific Foundation

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A) Accept a Grant Award from the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, in the amount of \$364,640 for budget period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 to provide outpatient early intervention services to persons with HIV disease. Project period continues through June 30, 2006.
- B) Execute the Professional Services Agreement with Pacific Pride Foundation, Inc., for early intervention services for people with, or at risk of, HIV infection/disease for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 1, 2006 in the amount of \$115,000 per year for a total project period amount of \$345,000.
- C) Authorize the Director of the Public Health Department to negotiate and approve any Amendments decreasing the funding of the Professional Services Agreement.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

These recommendations are primarily aligned with

Goal No. 2: A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit

Goal No. 5: A High Quality of Life for All Residents

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

On October 19, 1999, your Board accepted an award from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services for Ryan White Title III funds to assist the County of Santa Barbara, as a disproportionately affected locality. This award provides early intervention and ambulatory medical care services to persons with or at high risk for HIV infection/disease.

Services include:

- Risk reduction counseling and testing
- Medical evaluation and care
- Antiviral therapy (medications)
- Prophylaxis
- Treatment of opportunistic infection, throughout the course of the illness

These funds are to be used to serve ambulatory patients who do not have access to other payment means (insurance, Medi-Cal, etc.) and for whom other funds are not available to provide the aforementioned services.

On July 1, 2003, the Public Health Department received another Grant Award from the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) extending the project period through June 2006. Each of the three (3) budget years within this project period is funded for \$364,640 for a total amount of \$1,093,920.

The Public Health Department (PHD) serves as the program's fiscal agent and monitor. The PHD ensures that objectives are met and that gaps in services are filled, using HIV/AIDS knowledgeable providers. Case Managers link HIV positive individuals with medical, dental, chemical dependency and/or mental health services as needed.

The State of California, Office of AIDS (SOA) has, in the past fiscal years, provided vouchers to pay for laboratory testing for Viral Load, Genotyping, and Phenotyping. These tests identify the amount of HIV virus an infected person has in their blood and identifies which medications will decrease the virus. These tests provide the clinicians with the tools to better control the client's medical management of their condition. They also show which medications to prescribe that control the growth of the virus, which enhances and lengthens the client's quality of life.

Beginning with Fiscal Year 2003-2004, the vouchers for these tests were temporarily discontinued until the State budget was signed. It is under discussion at the State level if and when these vouchers will resume. They are furnished by the SOA at no cost to the County. If it is determined that the vouchers will no longer be provided by SOA, Title III, as payor of last resort, can then fund the cost of the tests for clients who have no other coverage. At that time, the Professional Service Contract may need to be re-negotiated to decrease their contract in order to fund the laboratory tests.

By authorizing the Director of the Public Health Department to negotiate and approve any amendments decreasing funding to Pacific Pride Foundation, will allow for the Department to determine what services are to be provided to the clients according to approved medical Standards of Care.

Activities carried out by Pacific Pride Foundation include:

- Transmission risk reduction
- Psychosocial support
- Health education
- Case management

With the acceptance of the Grant Award and executing the Agreement with Pacific Pride Foundation, services will continue for the persons living with HIV/AIDS in Santa Barbara County.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

This is a non-mandated program, however, acceptance of award obligates the county to comply with statutes:  
Health and Safety Code, section 1930-32  
Health and Safety Code, Division 2, Chapters 1-1.2; Chapters 4-4.1, Chapter 6  
Health and Safety Code, Division 21, Chapter 6  
Health and Safety Code, Section 120915  
Penal Codes 1202.1, 1202.6, 1524.1  
California Health and Safety Code, Chapter 1.4, Chapter 949, Section 140

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Acceptance of this Award and execution of the Agreement will not result in any increased General Fund contribution, Public Health Department Special Revenue funds, or A87 Plan overhead. The Professional Services Agreement with Pacific Pride Foundation is fully funded through the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services multi-year award for Ryan White Title III.

Since the availability of these funds were not known at budget time and pending acceptance by your board, a budget revision will follow increasing revenue and expenditure appropriation in the Department's adopted FY 03-04 budget by \$364,640. This will have the effect of changing the total cost of the HIV/AIDS cost center from \$1,019,275 to \$1,383,915, as found on page D-188 of the County's FY 03-04 Operating Plan.

Accepting the Grant Award and approving the Agreement do not represent any additional need for facilities.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return one photocopy of the Agreement to:  
Janice Cioppa  
Public Health Department  
Office of the Director  
300 N. San Antonio Road  
Santa Barbara, CA, 93110

Please return two (2) copies of the Agreement with original signatures to:  
Pam Stowe  
Public Health Department  
HIV/AIDS Services Administration  
345 Camino del Remedio, Room 321  
Santa Barbara, CA, 93110

**Concurrence:**

Auditor-Controller

**Attachments:**

1. Notice of Grant Award, Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources & Services Administration
2. Professional Services Agreement with Pacific Pride Foundation