



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: 08/18/09  
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 Elliot Schulman, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer  
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**SUBJECT:** ARRA Grant – Health Care Centers Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Funds

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Consider recommendations regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Grant for Health Care Centers Capital Improvement Program, as follows:

- a) Authorize the Public Health Department to accept and receive the Grant Award 1 C81CS13532-01-00 from Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Capital Improvement Program for the period June 29, 2009 through June 28, 2011 in the amount of \$418,315.
- b) Approve and authorize the Budget Revision Request # BJE 000466 reflecting \$418,315 of unanticipated revenue from the Federal government for an ARRA Capital Improvement Program grant and increase Services and Supplies (\$137,752) and Fixed Assets (\$280,563) for FY 2009-10 in the County's financial system.

**Summary Text:**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA or Recovery Act), signed into law February 17, 2009, provides \$500 million in grants to support construction, renovation and equipment, and the acquisition of health information technology systems, for health centers receiving operating grants under Section 330 (H) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 254b).

The Recovery Act was enacted to:

- preserve and create jobs;
- promote economic recovery;
- help people most impacted by the recession;
- increase economic efficiency by investing in technological advances in science and health;
- promote long-term economic benefits by investing in transportation, environmental protection and other infrastructure; and
- preserve essential services in states and local governments.

Funds made available by ARRA will support the Public Health Department (PHD) to address the increase service demands to provide primary and specialty health care services to medically underserved populations.

Funding will be used to maintain clinic structures, improve patient/employee access and safety, upgrade or replace outdated equipment and technology, as well as create/maintain employment opportunities in Santa Barbara County. This award is for a two-year project period. There is no expectation for ongoing support of Capital Improvement Program (CIP) activities after the end of the two year project period.

**Background:**

The PHD is currently receiving an operating grant under Section 330 (H) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 254b). The additional HRSA America Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 – Capital Improvement Program grant is for financial assistance by current Section 330 (H) grantees to address pressing capital improvement needs in health centers, such as construction, repair, renovation, and equipment purchases, including health information technology systems.

**Performance Measure:**

Grantees must continue to comply with the usual and customary reporting requirements of the Health Center Program, in addition to specific Recovery Act reporting. Recipients of Recovery Act funding will be required to provide periodic reports to ensure that funds are used for authorized purposes and instances of fraud, waste, error, and abuse are mitigated. Recovery Act funds can be used in conjunction with other funding as necessary to complete projects, but tracking and reporting must be separate to meet the reporting requirements of the Recovery Act.

Grantees will be required to provide periodic reports on the impact of CIP funding including:

1. Number of new patients.
2. Number of new visits.
3. Number of new uninsured patients.
4. Number of new full-time equivalents (FTEs).
5. Number of retained jobs.
6. Actual versus projected budget information regarding usage of IDS grant funds.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

This award is for a 2-year project period but all of the approved projects listed in the grant application are slated to be completed by the end of FY 2009-10. This one-time appropriation will not increase the General Fund contribution or use of Special Revenue funds for the Public Health Department.

A Budget Revision Request is attached to increase revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$418,315 in the Adopted FY 09-10 budget for the Public Health Department.

These projects will be tracked and reported separately in compliance with Federal guidelines and County policy for ARRA reporting.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**  
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**FTEs:**  
0

**Special Instructions:**

Please return an electronic copy of the Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at PHDRES.ContractsUnit@sbcphd.org

**Attachments:**

HRSA Notice of Grant Award  
Budget Revision Request BJE 000466

**Authored by:**

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