



**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 9, 2013
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

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

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

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 an 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, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in the amount of \$21,953.
- b) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline Section 15061(b) (3), since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities may have a significant effect 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 2013-14. 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 following up with those who may have had contact with those 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 investigate multi-drug resistance cases and those requiring expanded contact investigations. The funds must be used in accordance with the State policies and procedures.

There are currently 21 individuals with active TB in Santa Barbara County. Additional resources, made available with this funding, has allowed for the effective management of a large scale TB outbreak and a multi-drug resistant contact investigation involving a significant number of exposures.

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 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: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Approving and authorizing the Chair to execute an Acceptance of Award to implement this Special Needs Award of \$21,953 for Fiscal Year 2013-14 will allow for the provision of ongoing TB control activities, and will be used to cover the increasing costs associated with a higher number of anticipated exposures.

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 Department. Please email phdcu@sbcphd.org when the documents are ready.

Attachments:

Acceptance of Award for Tuberculosis Special Needs Funds; Period July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

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