



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: October 6, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Revenue Agreement with Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. DBA Heluna Health for Emerging Issues (E) Project Funding for Adjusting Community Mitigation in Response to COVID-19

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 Work Order Agreement 0187.4680 with the Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. DBA Heluna Health to accept funding for the implementation of the Emerging Issues (E) Project Funding for Adjusting Community Mitigation in Response to COVID-19 in the amount up to \$323,114 with a term of May 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022 (Attachment A); and
- b) Approve and authorize the Public Health Director, or designee, to make Project Representative changes in accordance with the Grant Agreement; and
- c) Approve budget revision request No. 0007200 (Attachment B) for the Fiscal Year 2020-21 allotment of \$161,557 to cover costs associated with COVID-19 response activities; and
- 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 authorize acceptance of an award from Heluna Health for the provision of public health COVID activities. Funding for these activities will enhance the County of Santa Barbara Public Health Department's (PHD) efforts to establish and monitor key activities related to COVID-19 in the areas of epidemiology, laboratory and informatics.

Background:

As part of the "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act" or the "CARES Act" of 2020, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) is awarding a total of nearly \$631 million nationally. Under this program-initiated component funding under the Emerging Issues (E) Project of CK19-1904, ELC CARES, California has received \$20,000,000. The California Department of Public Health has allocated ELC CARES funding for each Local Health Jurisdiction with a base amount of \$150,000 and then prorated by population. The California Department of Public Health has selected Helena Health as the contract administrator for fund distribution and all aspects of contract monitoring.

The intention of this funding is to rapidly establish and monitor key activities related to COVID-19 in the areas of epidemiology, laboratory, and informatics. Monitoring the indicators associated with these activities is intended to assist State, local, and territorial governments in making data-driven policy decisions regarding testing, mitigation, and prevention efforts. PHD will use the funding to establish and/or enhance the following activities:

- Establish or enhance ability to aggressively identify cases, conduct contact tracing and follow up, as well as implement recommended containment measures.
- Improve morbidity and mortality surveillance.
- Enhance laboratory testing and reporting capacity.
- Prevent and control COVID-19 in healthcare settings and protect other vulnerable or high-risk populations.
- Monitor and mitigate COVID-19 introductions from connected jurisdictions (i.e., neighboring cities, states; including air travel).
- Work with healthcare system to manage and monitor system capacity. a. Assess and monitor the number and availability of critical care staff, necessary PPE and potentially life-saving medical equipment, as well as access to testing services.
- Improve understanding of jurisdictional communities with respect to COVID-19 risk.

Performance Measure:

Performance measures and deliverables are listed in the Statement of Work (Exhibit A) of the attached Agreement.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	Current FY Cost:	Annualized On-going Cost:	Total One-Time Project Cost
General Fund			
State			
Federal	\$ 161,557.00	\$ 161,557.00	\$ 323,114.00
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 161,557.00	\$ 161,557.00	\$ 323,114.00

This agreement with the Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. DBA Heluna Health with an amount not to exceed \$323,114 allows PHD to cover costs associated with COVID-19 response activities. As detailed in the background section, the source of these funds is the Federal CARES Act through the California Department of Public Health through Heluna Health. The allotment amount of \$161,557 for FY 2020-21 and \$161,557 for FY 2021-22 covers costs associated with a staff Nurse Supervisor to oversee the new COVID-19 response Unit.

There is no increase in General Fund resources as a result of executing this agreement.

Key Contract Risks:

N/A

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please execute three (3) original Agreements with Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. DBA Heluna Health and retain two (2) original Agreements and one (1) Minute Order for pick up by the department. Please email Kelly.Lazarus@sbcphd.org when available for pickup.

Attachments:

- A. Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. DBA Heluna Health Agreement
- B. Budget Revision Request: BRR 0007200

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