



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 25, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Mouhanad Hammami, Director
Director(s) Public Health Department
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SUBJECT: Second Amendment to the Maddy Emergency Medical Services Fund Agreement with the Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute a Second Amendment to the Agreement for Maddy Emergency Medical Services Fund Distributions with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital that provides partial compensation for trauma and emergency medical services provided to the uninsured and medically indigent. The Second Amendment updates the Notices section, amends the term to remove automatic extensions, and increases the Agreement amount by \$123,000 for a revised total of \$413,000 through January 1, 2027; and
- b) Determine that the proposed action does not constitute a “Project” within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, because it consists of the creation of a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity, which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to authorize the Chair to execute a Second Amendment with Santa Barbara Cottage (Attachment A) to update the notices section, amend the term to remove automatic extensions, and to increase the Agreement \$123,000 for a total revised amount of \$413,000. Maddy EMS Funds are established under Health and Safety Code sections 1797.98a and 1797.98.b, and County Resolution 04-

307. The Public Health Department (PHD) administers the Maddy Program for eligible patients in Santa Barbara County. The Board of Supervisors approved the original Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital (Attachment C) in 2016.

Background:

The Maddy Program provides State funding to County governments to provide health care access for residents that cannot afford emergency care and who meet program eligibility and authorization for care criteria. Locally the Maddy Program is governed by the Board of Supervisors and has been administered through the PHD Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program since 2004. All five (5) hospitals in Santa Barbara County participate in treating Maddy eligible patients and are reimbursed by PHD for these patient services. The payment distribution procedure established by this Agreement complies with the Health and Safety Code Section 1797.98a of the Maddy Legislation and has been reviewed and approved by the Hospital Council of Southern California.

Contract Risk Assessment

If the Maddy funding were to be withdrawn, neither PHD nor Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital would have any obligation to continue this Agreement. The Agreement also has the standard clauses allowing termination for convenience or for non-appropriation. Additionally, Maddy Fund legislation has been approved through January 1, 2027.

Performance Measure:

The Agreement includes quarterly and ad hoc reporting requirements in order to analyze the effectiveness of the Maddy Program.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

This proposed Second Amendment increases the existing Agreement amount of \$290,000 by \$123,000 for a revised total of \$413,000. With this increase of \$123,000 in the Agreement limit Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital will continue to receive payment distributions from the EMS Maddy Fund for uncompensated care, contingent upon sufficient funds received from the courts. There are no General Fund resources associated with these agreements. The funding and the related appropriations are included in the Public Health Department's FY 2023-24 Adjusted Budget and the FY 2024-25 Adopted budget.

Staffing Impacts:

There are no staffing impacts from this action.

Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) original Agreements with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital and retain one (1) original of each Agreement and one (1) Minute Order for pick-up by the department. Please email phdcu@sbcphd.org when available for pickup.

Attachments:

- A. Second Amendment to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital Maddy Emergency Medical Services Fund Agreement
- B. First Amendment to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital Maddy Emergency Medical Services Fund Agreement
- C. Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital Maddy Emergency Medical Services Fund Agreement

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