



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
FROM: Department Van Do Reynoso, MPH, PhD
Director(s) Public Health Director
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SUBJECT: HIV Program COVID Relief Grant Agreements

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Director of Public Health to execute Grant Agreement 19-11161 with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to accept funding for the implementation of the HIV CARE Program COVID Relief Project in the amount not to exceed \$49,586 for the Agreement period of April 15, 2020 through March 31, 2021 (Attachment A); and
- b) Approve and authorize the Public Health Director to make and sign all required certifications and to make Project Representative changes in accordance with the HIV CARE Program COVID Relief Project Grant Agreement 19-11161; and
- c) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Public Health Department Director to accept and receive funding through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Grant Award H7CHA37296 from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act HR 748 for the implementation of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part C EIS COVID-19 Response in the amount not to exceed \$59,250 for the Agreement period of April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 (Attachment B); and
- d) Approve and authorize Budget Revision BJE 0007207 in the amount of \$108,836 to establish appropriations for \$108,836 of unanticipated revenue from CDPH and HRSA to increase Services and Supplies for FY 2020-2021 in the County's financial system (Attachment C); and

- e) Determine that the above actions are not a “Project” under the California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline section 15378(b)(4), since the recommended actions are government fiscal activities which do not involve a 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 the Public Health Department (PHD) to accept grant awards for the HIV Care Program COVID Relief Project and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part C EIS COVID Response funding for the provision of public health COVID activities for Ryan White recipients.

Background: Funding has been appropriated under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to help Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) recipients prepare for, prevent, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding is appropriated to support grantees as they respond to COVID-19 related health service needs. All activities and purchases supported with RWHAP CARES funding must be used for services, activities, and supplies needed to prepare for, prevent, and respond to COVID-19 with respect to RWHAP clients.

CARES Act funds will enable Santa Barbara County Public Health to provide the following:

1. Personal Protective Equipment: Cloth masks will be purchased and distributed to Ryan White HIV clients, and their immediate family members.
2. Testing: HIV clients have access to a full range of comprehensive services offered by the SBCPHD Healthcare Centers. Primary care services are available directly or through contracted providers working on site at SBCPHD Health Care Centers. Additionally, laboratory draw stations are available at each location. Using our established systems, PHD will offer Ryan White HIV clients and their immediate family members COVID Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and antigen testing.
3. Emergency Financial Assistance: HIV clients testing positive for COVID, who are unable to isolate in their home, may be housed at a hotel/motel until they are released from isolation. Additionally, HIV clients with a household contact who test positive for COVID will be offered housing at a hotel/motel if they are unable to quarantine away from the positive cases. Identification of the clients need for a hotel/motel stay will be done by the COVID Investigation Unit. Coordination for transportation and meals will be done by the COVID Isolation and Quarantine Unit.
4. Food Vouchers: Food vouchers will be provided to clients unable to purchase food due to limited financial resources.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No **Fiscal Analysis:**

| <u>Current FY Cost:</u> | <u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u> | <u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| \$ 108,836.00 | | \$ 108,836.00 |
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Accepting the two HIV/AIDS grants from CDPH and HRSA will increase the Public Health Department’s budget by \$108,836. These are one-time grants for COVID response. Although the grants began in April 2020, only \$3,190 of expense was incurred in prior year.

Key Contract Risks:

N/A

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

0

FTEs:

0

Special Instructions:

Please retain one (1) Certified Minute Order for pick-up by the department. Please email Kelly.Lazarus@sbcphd.org when available for pickup.

Attachments:

- A. HIV CARE Program COVID Relief Project Grant 19-11161
- B. HRSA Notice of Award for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part C EIS COVID-19 Response
- C. Budget Revision BJE0007207

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