

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 1/13/03  
**Department Name:** Public Health  
**Department No.:** 041  
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**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Roger Heroux, Director  
Public Health Department

**STAFF CONTACT:** Susan Forkush, MPH  
681-4783

**SUBJECT:** Ventura County Public Health Department Contract

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Execute an Agreement with County of Ventura Public Health Department for professional services as a subcontractor for the Tri-Counties Cancer Detection Partnership (formerly the Breast Cancer Early Detection Program), for the period of July 1, 2002 to and including June 30, 2003, in the amount of \$106,350.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2 - Ensure the Public Health and Safety and Provide Essential Infrastructure.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department has executed Agreement No. 01-16411 with the State of California Department of Health Services for the administration of the Tri-Counties Cancer Detection Program (formerly the Breast Cancer Early Detection Program), for the period of March 1, 2002 to and including June 30, 2005, in the amount of \$1,296,020. This program links eligible low-income, uninsured women over the age of forty to breast cancer screening and diagnostic services in San Luis, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department is the administrative agency. The project focuses on the following key areas: 1) outreach and education through the awarding of community grants and media contracts; 2) rescreening of women already seen through BCEDP; 3) provider technical assistance; 4) provider continuing education; 5) referral of women to support services; and 6) identification of treatment resources for women diagnosed with breast cancer.

In order to meet the scope of work of the agreement with the State, staffing is required in Ventura County. For FY 2002-03, \$106,350 of the funding from the State will be utilized to fund the Agreement with the County of Ventura Public Health Department.

This Fiscal Year (FY) 2002-2003 contract recommendation is executed late in the year due to two factors. One - Ventura County Public Health Department didn't provide staffing amounts until October 2002, and two - the original Board letter for a three-year contract with Ventura County was pulled due to the unknown effect of the State budget. Now that more information is known, the Department requests that a one-year contract be executed. Pending on-going funding, future contracts with Ventura County will be executed.

The Agreement with Ventura County is contingent on the continued funding of Standard Agreement 01-16411 with the State of California Department of Health Services.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

This is not a mandated program. The Breast Cancer Act of 1993 (Chapters 600 and 661, Statutes of 1993) allocated an additional two-cent cigarette tax, totaling approximately \$34 million annually, to establish a Breast Cancer Fund. Half of the money raised by the tax supports breast cancer research and the other half of the revenue is administered by the State of California Department of Health Services for the Cancer Detection Programs – Every Woman Counts throughout the state. This law became effective January 1, 1994 allowing health care providers to bill the State/BCEDP for procedures performed for eligible women.

There is no change in service levels.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The \$106,350 professional services Agreement with the County of Ventura Public Health Department is fully funded as part of Standard Agreement 01-16411 with the California Department of Health Services Cancer Detection Programs – Every Woman Counts. In addition to the direct cost recovery, the Tri-Counties Cancer Detection Program receives \$3,000 for overseeing the Agreement. The Standard Agreement with the State will provide revenue in the amount of \$1,296,020.

The Tri-Counties Cancer Detection Program can be found on page D-176 of the FY 2002-2003 budget in the Health Promotion cost center. Approval of this Agreement will not change the amount stated because the \$106,350 for FY 2002-2003 was included in the Adopted Budget in Fund 0042, Department 041, Account 7460, and Program 1275.

This contract does not represent any need for an increase in facilities.

**Special Instructions:**

Return two original fully-executed Agreements to Santa Barbara County Public Health Department, Calle Real Campus, Attention: Susan Forkush.

**Concurrence:**

Not applicable.