



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 2, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD
Director Public Health Department
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Assistant Deputy Director, Primary Care & Family Health
SUBJECT: Health Resources and Services Administration Grants for COVID-19 Activities during FYs 2019/2020 and 2020/2021

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Public Health Department Director to accept and receive supplemental funding for Health Centers through the Health Resources and Services Administration Grant Award H8CCS34088 from the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act 2020 for the period of March 15, 2020 through March 14, 2021 in the amount of \$77,502 (Attachment A); and
- b) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Public Health Department Director to accept and receive funding through the Health Resources and Services Administration Grant Award H8DCS35548 from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act HR 748 for the period of April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020 in the amount of \$1,053,665 (Attachment B); and
- c) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Public Health Department Director to accept and receive funding for expanding capacity for coronavirus testing through the Health Resources and Services Administration Grant Award H8ECS38981 from the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act HR 266 for the period of May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021 in the amount of \$476,104 (Attachment C); and
- d) Approve and authorize Budget Revision BJE 0006895 in the amount of \$200,000 to establish appropriations for \$200,000, of unanticipated revenue from the Federal Government for Health Resources and Administration supplemental funding to increase Services and Supplies for FY 2019/2020 in the County's financial system (Attachment D); and

- c) Determine that the recommended actions are not a “Project” with the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and is exempt per CEQA Guideline section 15378(b)(4), since the recommended actions are government fiscal activities which do 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 the Public Health Department (PHD) to accept three grants from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) from the separate Federal Stimulus bills to provide one-time support to health centers for the detection of coronavirus and/or the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of Coronavirus. These allocations can be used for maintaining or increasing health center capacity and staffing levels during the coronavirus-related public health emergency, provide support for increased testing and disease containment, and for costs related to new telehealth technologies and equipment to continue patient visits while practicing *social distancing*.

Background:

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through HRSA, has made these awards available to Federally Qualified Health Centers as part of a historic U.S. response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. Health centers may use the awards to help their communities detect coronavirus; prevent, diagnose, and treat COVID-19 and to maintain or increase health capacity and staffing levels to address this public health emergency. Since the Coronavirus crisis commenced, it was recognized that health centers around the country would need additional resources in assisting patients and communities in fighting the pandemic. It is also recognized that clinic volume could significantly decline adding difficulties in keeping staff employed at the centers to provide services. Thus, this funding supports health centers' ability to detect, prevent, diagnose, and treat COVID-19. The awards will be used locally to help maintain or increase health center capacity and staff by covering costs associated with PHD Health Center staff salaries and benefits, the costs of increased supplies of personal protection equipment for staff and patient safety, and the costs of computer equipment to provide virtual telehealth or telephone visits to practice social distancing in alignment with the Governor’s *Safer at Home* order.

Performance Measure:

HRSA requires that PHD use the funds to assist patients in preventing, diagnosing, and treating COVID-19. PHD must budget, and report on activities to HRSA on a periodic basis. No specific performance measures other than how the funds are expended are expected.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes and No

Fiscal Analysis:

Approving and authorizing the Public Health Director to accept these one-time funding allocations and the related Budget Revision Request will provide some funding for the Department’s efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic by providing funding for mass testing costs and treatment at the County’s health care centers, as well as support the salaries and benefits for those staff unable to work due to childcare issues or that have underlying health conditions. It is anticipated that funding in the amount of \$1,132,167 which represents the first two awards will be used to cover costs already appropriated as part of the Department’s FY 19-20 adopted budget and will require no budget revision. It is anticipated that \$200,000 of the 3rd award of \$476,104 which is directed at support of the mass testing events from May

through June will be used during Fiscal Year 2019-20 is not budgeted and will require appropriation from Budget Revision #0006895. The remainder of the 3rd award or \$276,104 will be used during Fiscal Year 2020-2021 to continue to help prevent, diagnose, and treat COVID-19. We will return to your Board with a Budget Revision at that time.

This action will not result in the need for any additional facilities.

Key Contract Risks:

NA

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

0

Special Instructions:

Please return an electronic copy of the Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at PHDRES.ContractsUnit@sbcphd.org

Attachments:

- A. HRSA Grant Award H8CCS34088
- B. HRSA Grant Award H8DCS35548
- C. HRSA Grant Award H8ECS38981
- D. Budget Revision Request #0006895

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