



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: 1-23-07  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme: N/A  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Elliot Schulman, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer  
Director(s) Public Health Department  
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681-5274

**SUBJECT: Grants for Public Health Pandemic and Emergency Preparedness Planning**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Public Health Director to execute the Public Health Pandemic and Emergency Preparedness Comprehensive Agreement with the California Department of Health Services for the period August 31, 2006, through August 31, 2007, in the amount of \$1,008,331.
- b) Authorize the Public Health Director to execute any amendments or future agreements for Public Health Pandemic and Emergency Preparedness with the California Department of Health Services provided that the amendment or agreement does not exceed the contract amount of \$1,008,331 by ten percent (10%).

**Summary Text:**

The Public Health Department is receiving a single comprehensive grant of \$1,008,331 for public health, pandemic, and hospital emergency preparedness. This grant combines funding from three State and Federal agencies as outlined in the table below:

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<b>GMS#</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Grand funding</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Grant Purpose</b>
125	1. Public Health Emergency Preparedness	Centers for Disease Control (CDC):	\$431,476	Increase ability of health departments to identify and respond to bioterrorism, infectious disease, and other public health emergencies.
New	2. Pandemic Influenza Preparedness	Centers for Disease Control (CDC):	\$70,561	Prepare health departments to respond to pandemic influenza by meeting specific objectives set by the California Department of Health Services (CDHS).
		California General Fund Pandemic Influenza Funds	\$205,550	Prepare health departments to respond to pandemic influenza by meeting specific objectives set by CDHS.
617	3. Health Resources and Services Administration National Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness	Health Resources and Services Administration National Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness	\$300,744	Increase surge capacity of hospitals to triage and treat patients in bioterrorism, pandemic influenza and other public health emergencies.
	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,008,331</b>	

**Background:**

The Public Health Department has received funds to prepare the local health care community to respond to bioterrorism and terrorism, infectious disease, and other public health threats and emergencies since 2002.

This funding was authorized by Congress through the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund (Section 319 of the Public Health Services Act, 42 U.S.C. 247d) to support countering potential biological threats to the civilian population. This funding was provided under the Department of Defense and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States Act, 2002 (Public Law 107-117). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) administers the funding to states for public health preparedness. The Health Resources Services Administration administers the funding to states for hospital preparedness. In California, the California Department of Health Services administers both of these funding sources to the local health jurisdictions.

Beginning with this 2006-2007 contract year, the “California General Fund Pandemic Influenza Funds” will provide additional State funding to county health departments to prepare for pandemic influenza.

These three funding sources are combined in this new comprehensive agreement. As before, the funding is population based and is being administered to local jurisdictions through the California State Department of Health Services. The following is a brief summary of the work performed in Santa Barbara County with these funds:

*1. CDC Funds for Public Health Emergency Preparedness:*

The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department has used the CDC grant funding to increase public health laboratory and disease surveillance capacity and response, provide training for public health staff

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in disease control, incident command system and bioterrorism response, and develop response plans to address pandemic influenza, mass vaccination, risk communication, smallpox, the Biohazard Detection System (BDS) at the U.S. Postal Service distribution center in Goleta, and the strategic national stockpile. The Public Health Department has also improved its Department Operation Center, IT security and redundancy, and increased communications, planning and drill activities between Public Health, other county departments, all county hospitals, adjacent jurisdictions and federal agencies.

*2. CDC and State General Funds for Pandemic Preparedness:*

These new grant funds have specific objectives for 2006-2007 that require:

- The revision of the local health department's pandemic influenza plan following State Department of Health Services guidelines.
- Conducting a pandemic influenza drill with health care partners, law, and schools.
- Expanding the California Health Alert Network (CAHAN) to include local health care facilities and drilling of notification times for critical health information.
- Implementation of year round influenza surveillance, protocols for emergency registration of health care volunteers, and the development operational guidelines for isolation and quarantine.
- Identification and planning for the operation of alternate care sites, triage plans, and mass vaccination sites.

*3. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) National Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Grant:*

This grant supports hospitals, clinics, health departments and local emergency medical services agencies in emergency preparedness. In past years the grant funds have been used to provide training and equipment for patient decontamination, radiation detection, surge tents and cots, increase isolation capacity for infectious diseases, and personal protective equipment. HRSA funded consultants have worked with all five county hospitals to update their disaster plans. The current year HRSA grant focuses on training of hospital and other providers in National Incident Management System, participation in a statewide system tracking hospital bed availability, integrating hospital and outpatient emergency response, identifying and planning for alternate care sites, drills and exercises, and insuring interoperable communication system that link hospitals, EMS and other providers with public health departments.

**Performance Measure:** By 8/30/07:

1. Conduct 1 pandemic flu tabletop with healthcare partners, law and schools.
2. Complete 1 Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) training at each of the 5 hospitals in Santa Barbara County.
3. Enroll representatives from each of 5 county hospitals, the Chumash tribe, 2 EMS providers, 5 law enforcement agencies and the Public Health Department in the California Health Alert Network (CAHAN), and conduct a minimum of 2 drills to test their ability to receive alerts.
4. Complete an assessment (including beds, isolation facilities, and staffing) of surge capacity for a pandemic influenza event at each of the 5 hospitals in Santa Barbara County.
5. Conduct 1 emergency response drill per year that activates the Public Health Department Operation Center and tests the use of the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS).

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**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted:

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 06-07</u> <u>Costs:</u>	<u>FY 07-08</u> <u>Costs:</u>	<u>Annualized</u> <u>On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time</u> <u>Project Cost</u>
General Fund				
State	\$ 168,884	\$ 36,666		\$ 205,550
Federal	\$ 699,358	\$ 103,423		\$ 802,781
Fees				
Other:				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 868,242</b>	<b>\$ 140,089</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,008,331</b>

Narrative:

This agreement authorizes the Public Health Director to execute the Public Health Pandemic and Emergency Preparedness Comprehensive Agreement with the California Department of Health Services in the amount of \$1,008,331. \$802,781 of these funds is federal and an additional \$205,550 is covered by the California General Fund. \$868,242 of this amount will be included as part of the adjusted Public Health Department Fiscal Year 2006-07 budget. For Fiscal Year 2007-08, \$140,089 will be part of the Public Health Department’s recommended budget submission. The allotment will be included in the EMS cost center of the Community Health Division of the Public Health Department shown on page D-188 of the County’s Operating Plan Document. There is no increase in the use of the County’s General Fund resources as a result of executing this agreement.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

3.08

**FTEs:**

5.31

This grant supports existing 3.08 FTE, 1.75 Contractors on payroll, and a 0.48 Extra Help Health Educator which are in the Adopted Budget. No increase in legal positions, Contractors on Payroll, and Extra Help is requested.

This Agreement will not result in any additional need for facilities.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return a copy of the minute order to the PHD Contracts Unit, 300 San Antonio Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110, Attention: Margaret Granger

**Attachments:**

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