

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) Contract MS-0304-15, Amendment Number 1

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:
Execute Agreement MS-0304-15, Amendment Number 1 between the California Department of Aging (CDA) and the County of Santa Barbara, Public Health Department (PHD) for the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) for Fiscal Year 03/04 which increases the contract amount from \$683,634 to \$799,930.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with:
Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit;
Goal No. 5. A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) provides both social and health case management for frail elderly clients who are:

- sixty-five (65) years or older,
- Medi-Cal recipients,
- certifiable for placement in a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), and
- who wish to remain in their own living environments.

This program is a cost-effective alternative to the high cost of long-term institutional care. Case Management activities include identification and coordination of existing services for the MSSP clients, as

well as the ability to purchase additional services which enable the individual to remain at home. Purchased services may include, but are not limited to: respite for caregivers, in-home assistance on weekends, escort transportation to medical appointments, home delivered meals, purchase of emergency response systems, and minor home repairs or maintenance.

Mandates and Service Levels:

This is a non-mandated program. Acceptance of the MSSP Agreement obligates the County to comply with the applicable statutes: Home and Community-Based Waiver Program, Section 1915 (c) of the Social Security Act. The MSSP program was established by Chapter 1434, Statutes of 1982. Additionally, Chapter 1318, Statutes of 1989, authorized the program to remain in effect so long as a federal waiver has been granted.

In May 2003, the MSSP funding was reduced as a result of a proposed 15% cut in the Medi-Cal Program. As a result of this cut, the MSSP service level was reduced to 171 clients per month and a Board letter reflecting these service level and funding reductions was executed on May 27, 2003. In August 2003, CDA announced that the budget cut would be only 5% to be applied January 1, 2003 and instructed the MSSP sites to complete a budget for 03-04 reflecting this reduction. On October 7, 2003, CDA received confirmation from DHS that the funding and caseload reductions **would not** be applied to MSSP for this fiscal year (2003 - 2004) due to enhanced federal funding from the Federal Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Act. Therefore, the service level in Santa Barbara County will remain at 200 frail elderly residents per month for the current fiscal year.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There is no projected use of general fund dollars for this program. This is a revenue agreement that allows the County of Santa Barbara to draw funds from the State of California for services to this target population. The California Department of Aging will reimburse the County of Santa Barbara \$799,930 for the costs of this program for Fiscal Year 03/04. This agreement provides for reimbursement of 15% of salaries and benefits (\$77,840) for indirect costs. Since the Public Health Departmental indirect cost rate is currently 17.72% of all expenditures, it is anticipated that the uncovered amount of the indirect costs (\$50,100) will be recovered by participation in the Targeted Case Management (TCM) program for the Medi-Cal client population. Funding for this program is included as part as the Adopted Fiscal Year 03/04 Public Health Department Budget. It can be found in the County's FY 03-04 Operating Plan document on page 188 in the Chronic Disease and Aging cost center.

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

Special Instructions:

This contract is being sent to the Board of Supervisors for approval because the California Department of Aging (CDA) requires Board approval that references the contract number.

Call PHD Contracts Unit Coordinator Margaret A. Granger 681-5367 to pick up the four (4) original signed Standard Agreements, four (4) Certified Minute Orders referencing the agreement number **MS-0304-15 Amendment Number 1**, and the original signed Certification.

Concurrence:

None