



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: June 27, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Mouhanad Hammami, Director
Director(s): Public Health Department
Contact Info: Nick Clay, 805-681-5394
Emergency Medical Services Director
SUBJECT: Pediatric Trauma “Richie” Fund Distribution Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement (Attachment A) between the Public Health Department and the Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital Level II Pediatric Trauma Center to receive Maddy Fund distributions pursuant to Senate Bill 1236, Richie Pediatric Trauma Fund legislation in an amount not to exceed \$718,000, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.
- b) Determine that the action is not a “Project” under the California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline section 15378(b)(4), since the action is a government fiscal activity that does 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 Chair to execute an Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital for pediatric trauma care and injury prevention in Santa Barbara County. Board approval of these actions will allow the Public Health Department (PHD) to distribute pediatric trauma funds through Maddy Fund legislation to support local pediatric trauma services, as designated by the California Health and Safety Code Chapter 2.5, Section 1797.98a-1797.98g.

Background:

In 2008, the Board approved a resolution to implement Senate Bill 1236 (Padilla), subsequently extended by SB867 (Roth), which is one of the legislative bills that established a Maddy Fund for Santa Barbara County. The Maddy Fund requires that fifteen (15%) of the funds collected be allocated to support pediatric trauma services. The Pediatric Trauma Funds, or “Richie’s Fund”, are used to support pediatric trauma care by increasing access to, and coordination of, pediatric trauma care services (Cal. Health & Saf. Code § 1797.98a(e)).

Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital is designated as a Level I Adult and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center in the County. In addition to being the local Level II Pediatric Trauma Center, Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital has an established Children’s Medical Center and the only state-approved Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) in the County. Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, as a Pediatric Trauma Center, is eligible to receive Richie’s Funds that have been collected to support pediatric trauma services in our County. Based on these criteria, and a longstanding proven capability as a Trauma Center, Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital is an appropriate entity to receive the Richie’s Funds in Santa Barbara County.

The previous Richie’s Fund agreement expired on December 31, 2019. Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital and the Public Health Department worked diligently to revise and update the Scope of Work of this agreement, and develop reporting and invoicing timelines that were amenable to both parties. This resulted in a delay in reestablishing the agreement. The funds will continue to be distributed according to the milestones and timelines listed in the Agreement (Attachment A) to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital as the Level II Pediatric Trauma Center in support of pediatric trauma care throughout our County.

Performance Measure:

The Agreement includes the Richie Fund Work Plan (Exhibit A-1), annual reporting requirements, and key actionable steps necessary to analyze and ensure the appropriate allocation and distribution of the Richie Fund.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes, partial

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025	FY 2025-2026	Agreement Total
General Fund				
State	\$ 179,500	\$ 359,000	\$ 179,500	\$ 718,000
Federal				
Fees				
Other:				
Total	\$ 179,500	\$ 359,000	\$ 179,500	\$ 718,000

Narrative: Approval of this Agreement will allow Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital to receive payment distributions from the EMS Maddy Richie Fund for pediatric trauma services not to exceed \$718,000 for a three-year span. There are no General Fund resources associated with this Agreement. Partial funding and the related appropriations of \$127,300 are included in the Public Health Department’s FY 2023-24 Recommended Budget. A budget revision request will be prepared after FY 23-2024 budget adoption. Year’s two and three are calculated with estimated growth and will be monitored annually. Payments to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital are contingent upon receipt of funds. These amounts will be included in FY 2024-25 and 2025-26 recommended budgets.

Key Contract Risks:

The high-risk elements of this agreement are associated with the Richie Funds being sourced from the Maddy Program, a program that is dependent on a State funding source, in addition to the lack of other providers for this service. These risks are mitigated by the fact that this agreement is a “pass-through” of State funding to provide payment to hospitals for Maddy Program eligible patient services. If the funding were to be withdrawn, neither the Public Health Department nor Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital would have any obligation to continue this agreement. Additionally, Maddy Fund legislation has been approved through January 1, 2027 per Health and Safety Code Chapter 2.5, Section 1797.98a.

Staffing Impacts:

There are no staffing impacts from this action.

Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) original Agreements with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital and retain one (1) original of the Agreement and one (1) Minute Order for pick-up by the department. Please email PHDGroupContractsUnit@sbcphd.org when available for pickup.

Attachments:

- A. Richie Fund Services Agreement

Authored by:

Nick Clay, EMS Agency Director, Public Health Department