



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: April 16, 2013
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Takashi Wada, Director and Health Officer, Public Health Dept.
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Agreement for AIDS Drug Assistant Program (ADAP)

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A) Approve and authorize the Public Health Department Director to sign a three year Agreement with the State of California Department of Public Health/Office of AIDS for administration of the AIDS Drug Assistance Program for the period from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015, at \$7,346 each year for a total Agreement amount of \$22,038.
- B) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline Section 15061(b) (3), since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities may have a significant effect on the environment.

Summary Text:

This agenda item is to authorize the Public Health Department to enter into a three year grant agreement which allows for the reimbursement of the administrative costs of the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) enrollment process. This year, the State is requiring eligibility recertification twice a year rather than annually. The amount of the grant is increasing from \$4,172 to \$7,346 to support this increased service.

Background:

In November 2012, the County received notice from the State Office of AIDS that current and future ADAP funding was to be provided through new three year agreements rather than standard annual

agreements. The County has received ADAP funding through these standard annual agreements since the 1990s. In addition to a three year agreement term starting in FY 2012-13, the contracts will be at a higher amount to provide compensation for the increase in client eligibility determinations. The contract was received March 20, 2013 and is retroactive to July 1, 2012.

This grant reimburses the County for the administrative costs of client enrollment and semi-annual recertification for ADAP. Although ADAP is currently administered by the Public Health Department (PHD), it is not restricted to County patients only. Anyone in the community with an HIV/AIDS diagnosis that meets the eligibility requirements can participate and ADAP can supplement existing coverage such as private insurance, Medi-Cal and Medicare Part D. ADAP has a formulary specific to the care and treatment of those infected with HIV or AIDS and offers free or reduced costs for these medications. Antiretroviral medications which are covered by ADAP can be cost prohibitive for many clients and typically average approximately \$15,000 per person, per year. ADAP also provides assistance with high cost diagnostic testing. This program provides more than \$1.0 million worth of free or low cost medications and testing annually for the residents of Santa Barbara County.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes, partially.

Fiscal Analysis:

Executing the three year agreement for ADAP will allow for the reimbursement of increased costs in the Public Health Department for eligibility determination, due to the new State requirement of biannual recertification. This revenue agreement was budgeted in FY 2012-13 for \$4,172 because the change in State requirements was not known, and has increased retroactively to \$7,346. The FY 2013-14 Recommended Budget is \$7,346.

Special Instructions:

Please send a certified Minute Order to the Public Health Department, Contacts Unit at 300 N. San Antonio Rd. Bldg 8, Attn: Rose Davis.

Attachments:

Standard Agreement #12-10597 with California Department of Public Health

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