

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Distribution of Trauma Funds to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and execute a contract with the State Emergency Medical Services Authority to receive trauma funds for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 in an amount not to exceed \$212,387.
- B. Approve and execute an agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital for the distribution of trauma funds to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, as the Level II trauma center, in accordance with Health and Safety Codes 2.5 Section 1797.199 for the period from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 in the amount of \$210,263.
- C. Approve a Budget Revision for the receipt of unanticipated revenue from the State Emergency Medical Services Authority in the amount of \$212,387 for this funding of local trauma centers. (4/5 vote required.)

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with:

Goal 1: An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community

Goal No. 2: A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion: The Governor's Fiscal Year 2005/2006 budget provided the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority with \$10 million from the General Fund to help support California's trauma centers.

- A. Approving recommendation A will enable the Public Health Department to receive the funds through an agreement with the State EMS Authority. This fund was apportioned amongst all the trauma centers in the State in proportion to the number of trauma patients seen by each trauma center. Santa Barbara County's share of these funds amounts to \$212,387, of which 1% (\$2,124) is retained by the Public Health Department to defray the cost of administering the fund. The remainder, \$210,263 will be allocated to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital.

- B. Approving recommendation B will enable the Public Health Department to distribute the funds to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, the only eligible trauma center in the county. Funds will be used by the hospital to support trauma care in accordance with the requirements of the State EMS Authority. The Health and Safety Code 1797.199(f) provides strict requirements for the disbursement and spending of these funds. The following excerpt from Section 1797.199 (f) identifies the requirements for distribution of these funds:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the funds distributed to eligible trauma centers be spent on trauma services. The local EMS agency may utilize a grant-based system, a reimbursement-based system, or other appropriate methodology to comply with this section. Local EMS agencies shall take the following factors into consideration when determining the distribution amounts for each trauma center:

- (1) The volume of uninsured trauma patients treated at the trauma center.
- (2) The existence of a high percentage of uninsured trauma patients relative to the total number of trauma patients treated at the trauma center.
- (3) The acuity mix of uninsured trauma patients treated at the trauma center.

Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital will be required to demonstrate that funds are being utilized for one or more of the following:

1. The preservation or restoration of specialty physician and surgeon on-call coverage that is demonstrated to be essential for trauma services within a specified hospital
2. The acquisition of equipment that is demonstrated to be essential for trauma services within a specified hospital
3. The creation of overflow or surge capacity to allow a trauma hospital to respond to mass casualties resulting from an act of terrorism or natural disaster

Mandates and Service Levels: The hearing will not result in any change in mandates or service levels. A local EMS Agency wishing to access Trauma Care Funds must meet the requirements as outlined Sections 1797.198 and 1797.199 of the Health and Safety Code.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: The agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital (\$210,263) for the distribution of funds, will be entirely funded by the proposed contract with the State Emergency Medical Services Authority (in the amount of \$212,387). The remaining grant amount (\$2,124 or 1%) will be used to cover administration costs. These amounts will be included as part of the adjusted Public Health Department Fiscal Year 2005-06 budget and a budget revision is attached to this request. The allotment will be included in the EMS cost center of the Community Health division of the Public Health Department shown on page D-194 of the County's Operating Plan Document. There is no increase in the use of County's General Fund resources as a result of executing these agreements.

These actions will not result in a need for additional facilities.

Special Instructions:

Please return to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 North San Antonio Road, Building 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 Attn: Margaret Granger (805) 681 5367: A. Five (5) fully executed originals of the contract with the State Emergency Medical Services Authority; B. Two (2) fully executed originals of the agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital for the distribution of trauma funds to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital; and C. One (1) copy of the minute order

Concurrence: None required.