



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: May 19, 2009
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: ARRA Grant – Health Care Centers Increased Demand for Services (IDS) Funds

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Authorize Public Health Department to accept and receive the Grant Award 1 H8BCS12328-01-00 from Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Increase Services to Health Centers for the period March 27, 2009 through March 26, 2011 in amount of \$209,509.

Summary Text:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA or Recovery Act), signed into law February 17, 2009, provides \$500 million in grants to support new sites and service areas, increase services at existing sites, and provide supplemental payments for spikes in uninsured populations to health centers that receive operating grants under Section 330 (H) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 254b).

The Recovery Act was enacted to:

- preserve and create jobs;
- promote economic recovery;
- help people most impacted by the recession;
- increase economic efficiency by investing in technological advances in science and health;

- promote long-term economic benefits by investing in transportation, environmental protection and other infrastructure; and
- preserve essential services in states and local governments.

Funds made available by ARRA will support the Public Health Department (PHD) in addressing the increased demand for services as well as create/maintain employment opportunities in the county over the next two years.

Funding will be used to expand access to services for the Health Care for the Homeless program participants, including: increased dental visits, additional transportation services, and aid in recruiting and retaining practitioners for the Health Care for the Homeless program and health center. This award is for a two-year project period. There is no expectation for ongoing support of Increased Demand for Services (IDS) activities after the end of the two year project period. Activities to be supported under the grant funding are within the current PHD Health Care for the Homeless program scope of project.

Background:

The PHD is currently receiving an operating grant under Section 330 (H) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 254b). The additional HRSA America Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 – Increase Services to Health Centers grant is for financial assistance by current Section 330 (H) grantees to increase and expand comprehensive primary care services to an underserved area or population that is presently in the grantee’s current scope of project at the time of application.

Performance Measure:

Grantees must continue to comply with the usual and customary reporting requirements of the Health Center Program, in addition to specific Recovery Act reporting. Recipients of Recovery Act funding will be required to provide periodic reports to ensure that funds are used for authorized purposes and instances of fraud, waste, error, and abuse are mitigated. Recovery Act funds can be used in conjunction with other funding as necessary to complete projects, but tracking and reporting must be separate to meet the reporting requirements of the Recovery Act.

Grantees will be required to provide periodic reports on the impact of IDS funding including:

1. Number of new patients
2. Number of new visits
3. Number of new uninsured patients
4. Number of new full-time equivalents (FTEs)
5. Number of retained jobs
6. Actual versus projected budget information regarding usage of IDS grant funds

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund	
State	
Federal	\$ 209,509.00
Fees	
Other:	
Total	\$ 209,509.00

Narrative: This award is for a 2-year project period. This one-time appropriation will not increase the General Fund contribution or use of Special Revenue funds for the Public Health Department. The appropriation and revenue are not part of the Adopted FY 08-09 budget nor the Recommended FY 09-10 budget for the Public Health Department. Upon approval and authorization of this request, budget revisions will follow.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

0

Special Instructions:

Please return an electronic copy of the Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at PHDRES.ContractsUnit@sbcphd.org

Attachments:

HRSA Notice of Grant Award

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