



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: October 04, 2011
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer
Director Public Health Department
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Director Emergency Medical Services Agency

SUBJECT: Grant for Public Health, Pandemic & Hospital Emergency Preparedness and Report on Disaster Medical Surge Supplies and Equipment

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Consider the recommendations regarding the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Planning, as follows:

- a) Approve and authorize the Public Health Department Director to execute Agreement No. EPO 11-42 with California Department of Public Health Emergency Preparedness Office for 2011-12 CDC Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP), State General Fund (GF) Pandemic Influenza, and HHS Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) funding in an amount not to exceed \$664,571.
- b) Receive a report, (included here as Attachment A) on disaster-related medical supplies and equipment received from the California Department of Public Health and distributed to various cache locations throughout Santa Barbara County.
- c) 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:

The item under Recommendation “a” above, is on the Board agenda for approval to accept grant funding from the California Department of Public Health Emergency Preparedness Office. Upon approval, the Public Health Department (PHD) Director will sign a comprehensive grant agreement of \$664,571 for public health, pandemic and hospital emergency preparedness. This agreement includes funds from CDC Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP), the State General Fund (GF) Pandemic Influenza, and the HSS Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP). The FY 2011-12 amount represents a 12% decrease from 2010-11 funding levels. This agreement combines funding from three (3) state and federal agencies as outlined below:

Grant	Grant Funding Source	Period	Amount	Grant Purpose
1. Public Health Emergency Preparedness	Centers for Disease Control (CDC)	8/10/11 to 8/9/12	\$322,663	Increase ability of health departments to identify and respond to bioterrorism, infectious disease, and other public health emergencies.
2. Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP)	Assistant Secretary for Prevention and Response	7/1/11 to 6/30/12	\$267,265	Increase surge capacity of hospitals to triage and treat patients in bioterrorism, pandemic influenza and other public health emergencies. Implement evacuation and mass fatality plans for hospitals.
3. Pandemic Influenza Preparedness	State General Fund	7/1/11 to 6/30/12	\$74,643	Prepare health departments to respond to pandemic influenza by meeting specific objectives set by the California Department of Health Services (CDHS).
Agreement No. EPO 11-42 Total			\$664,571	

The item under Recommendation “b” above, is on the agenda to update the Board on supplies and equipment designated for disaster and/or emergency use. PHD has agreed to accept medical supplies and equipment from the California Department of Public Health that are designated for use during disaster or emergency events. These assets are strategically distributed across the county in a coordinated partnership with cities, hospitals, and other agencies. These distributions are itemized in Attachment A, attached hereto.

Background:

Emergency Preparedness Grants - Recommendation a):

Beginning in 2002, PHD has received funds to prepare the local health care community to respond to bioterrorism and terrorism, infectious disease, and other public health threats and emergencies. This funding was authorized by Congress through the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund (Section 319 of the Public Health Services Act, 42 U.S.C. 247d) for countering potential biological threats to the civilian population. It was provided for under the Department of Defense and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States Act, 2002 (Public Law 107-117).

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) administers this funding to states for public health preparedness. The Assistant Secretary for Prevention and Response (ASPR) awards the hospital preparedness grant for healthcare facilities to develop and maintain disaster preparedness.

Beginning in the FY 2006-07, the state’s “California General Fund Pandemic Influenza Funds” provided additional annual funding to county health departments to prepare for pandemic influenza.

Disaster Medical Supplies and Equipment - Recommendation b):

The California Department of Public Health is no longer able to store disaster medical supplies and equipment that were purchased by the State but pre-designated for Santa Barbara County, and has requested that PHD now take responsibility for these supplies. To assure availability during a disaster event, PHD works in partnership with cities, hospitals, County departments and UCSB to strategically place, and provide for ongoing management of these assets across the county. These supplies and equipment can be used to provide medical care during disasters at field treatment sites, medical shelter sites, or in other disaster medical operations and will augment and increase the number of cache locations across the county. The supplies will be shipped to our County in October 2011.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes.

Fiscal Analysis:

Allocation	Term	Amount	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	Federal Funding	State Funding
Combined Agreement:						
Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)	8/10/11 - 8/09/12	\$ 322,663	\$ 295,774	\$ 26,889	x	
Pandemic Influenza Preparedness (GF)	7/01/11 – 6/30/12	\$ 74,643	\$ 74,643	\$ -		x
Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP)	7/01/11 – 6/30/12	\$ 267,265	\$ 267,265	\$ -	x	
Total Combined Agreement:		\$ 664,571	\$ 637,682	\$ 26,889		

For the Fiscal Year 2011-12 budget, the allotment is included as part of the adjusted Public Health Department’s budget. It is included in the EMS Cost Center of the Community Health Division of the Public Health Department shown on page D-216 of the County’s Operating Plan Document. Because the term of the agreement for the federal grant extends to July and August 2011, \$26,889 will be part of the Public Health Department’s recommended FY 2012-13 budget submission. There is no increase in the use of the County’s General Fund resources as a result of executing this agreement.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
2.11

FTEs:
3.87

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

Special Instructions:

Please return an electronic Minute Order to phdcu@sbcphd.org.

Attachments:

Agreement No. EPO 11-42 with California Department of Public Health
 Attachment A - Disaster Medical Surge Supplies Received from CDPH 2011 and Distributed Across Santa Barbara County

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