



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: December 11, 2012  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme: N/A  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer  
Director Public Health Department  
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**SUBJECT: Tuberculosis Control Program Revenue Base Award Augmentation**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** NONE

As to form:

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an augmentation to the Tuberculosis Control Program's base award with the California Department of Public Health Tuberculosis Control Branch to support tuberculosis prevention and control activities for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$7,822, increasing the total Fiscal Year 2012-13 amount from \$123,954 to \$131,776.
- 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 item is on the agenda to accept an augmentation to the existing Tuberculosis Control Grant for FY 2012-13. This grant was approved at \$115,451 during the FY 2012-13 Budget hearings as part of the CEO's Ongoing Grants List. The base award was received in late July 2012 in the amount of \$123,954 which was within the range (7%) for County CEO's authority to execute. This augmentation to the award raises the total amount over the 10% threshold for CEO authority and, therefore, the Public Health Department requests that your Board execute the augmentation award.

**Background:**

Tuberculosis Control is a core public health function to both treat individuals who are infected with tuberculosis (TB) and to protect the health of the community by preventing the spread of TB. Our local

TB Control Program works closely with the California Department of Public Health TB Control Branch to control and eliminate TB. The State TB Control Branch is making additional federal funds available to the local public health jurisdiction. The funds must be used in accordance with the State policies and procedures.

Tuberculosis is a contagious disease that is transmitted through the air from one person to another by tiny infectious airborne particles expelled when a person with tuberculosis coughs, sneezes or speaks. Anyone inhaling the air containing these particles may become infected. Latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) is when the immune system keeps the TB bacteria in check so the person does not feel sick and cannot spread TB to others. If untreated, the latent TB bacteria can become active and cause TB disease. If active TB disease develops, TB bacteria attack the lungs or other parts of the body. It usually takes six months or more of treatment to cure the disease, which helps to ensure that the patient does not die or remain infectious and spread TB to others.

The TB Control Program works to:

- Find and treat active cases of TB to prevent deaths from TB, halt TB transmission, and stop the development and spread of drug resistant TB.
- Find and treat those who have become infected and have latent TB so that they do not develop active TB and spread it to others.

During the years 2008-2010, there were an average of 27 active TB cases treated in Santa Barbara County. This number reflects an average increase due to a TB outbreak among the homeless population in 2008. For each TB case encountered, the Disease Control and Prevention staff may investigate and screen for LTBI an average of 15 contacts per case in a typical household setting. In congregate settings, where extensive exposure has occurred, contact counts are significantly higher.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Approving and authorizing the Public Health Director to execute an Acceptance of Award to implement this Base Award Augmentation of \$7,822 for Fiscal Year 2012-13 will allow for the provision of ongoing TB control activities, and does not increase the use of the County's General Fund resources. A Budget Revision Request to amend the adopted PHD budget to reflect these changes will be made after execution of this agreement.

This action will not result in the need for any additional facilities.

**Special Instructions:**

Please retain one executed original Acceptance of Award and one Minute Order and email PHDcu@sbcphd.org for immediate pick-up.

**Attachments:**

Revised Letter of Award; Base Award Augmentation for Funding Period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

**Authored by:**

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