

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
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Department Name: Public Health
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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

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681-5264

SUBJECT: Amendment to Bioterrorism Preparedness Grant for Pandemic Planning

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

A. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Amendment to Bioterrorism Preparedness Revenue Agreement with the California Department of Health Services to increase the annual allocation by \$59,838 for the period May 22, 2006 through June 30, 2006.

B. Authorize the Director of Public Health to approve amendments to the proposed contract, provided that any such amendments do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the contract's dollar amount.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

Goal No. 2. A Safe And Healthy Community In Which To Live, Work, And Visit.

Goal No. 5. A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Public Health Department is receiving an amendment of \$59,838 to the existing 2005-2006 Bioterrorism Preparedness Grant of \$519,118. The Bioterrorism Preparedness Grant provides funding to the Public Health Department to increase its ability to respond to public health emergencies. To date this funding has increased the public health laboratory and disease surveillance capacity and response, provided training for public health staff in disease control, incident command system and bioterrorism, allowed for the development of response plans to address mass vaccination, risk communication, smallpox, the biohazard detection system (BDS) and the strategic national stockpile, improved IT security and redundancy, and increased communications and planning activities between Public Health and all county hospitals.

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The proposed grant amendment would provide specific funding for pandemic influenza preparedness for the period May 22, 2006 through June 30, 2006. This increase in revenue represents a change of more than 10% of the grant amount.

This funding will allow the Public Health Department to complete the Centers for Disease Control Pandemic Influenza Planning Self-Assessment Local Public Health Checklist, continue development of a local Pandemic Influenza Emergency Response Plan and procedures using the pandemic influenza template from the California Department of Health Services, and participate in a pandemic influenza exercise.

Mandates and Service Levels:

This service is not mandated.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This agreement amendment will increase the current Bioterrorism grant by \$59,838 from \$519,118 to \$578,956. The amendment is covered by the California Department of Health Services. The grant amended dollars are to be used to fund the California Pandemic Influenza Preparedness for the period May 22, 2006 through June 30, 2006.

This amount is not part of the recommended 06-07 budget for the Public Health Department. A budget revision will be processed after budget adoption to record the receipt of these funds. This action will increase the EMS cost center of the Community Health Division of the Public Health Department found on Page D-188 of the County's Operating Plan Document by \$59,838.

There is no increase in the use of County's General Fund Resources as a result of executing this agreement.

Special Instructions:

Please return 2 of 3 executed originals along with a copy of the minute order to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 North San Antonio Road, Building 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 **Attn: Margaret Granger (805) 681 5367.**

Concurrence:

None required.