



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 21, 2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer,
Director Public Health Department
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Deputy Director, Primary Care & Family Health
SUBJECT: **Health Resources and Services Administration Expanded Services Supplemental Funding**

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A) Authorize the Public Health Department Director to accept and receive Grant Award 3H80CS00046-13-05 from the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for Expanded Services for the period September 2, 2014 through October 31, 2016 in the amount of \$302,776.00 annually.
- B) Approve and authorize Budget Revision Request # BJE - 0003677 reflecting unanticipated revenue from the Federal government for HRSA Expanded Services in the amount of \$201,884 for Fiscal Year 2014-15.
- C) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), since the recommended actions are government fiscal activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the Agenda to authorize the Public Health Department to accept an award from the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources (HRSA) for Expanded Services. This HRSA supplemental funding for Healthcare Centers such as the County Public Health Department is to assist with meeting expanding service requests from those patients recently receiving health care coverage through the Affordable Care Act. This is an annual increase of up to \$302,776.00 per grant cycle year (November 1 through October 31) to be used to offset the salaries for a new fulltime staff physician and a half-time health care practitioner. Both of these positions were initially targeted to

assist with expanding patient populations at the PHD Santa Maria Health Care Center, but may be reassigned or shared with the PHD Lompoc Health Care Center which is also experiencing significant growth in patient populations. This funding must be used to expand existing services; in this case by providing additional clinician capacity with the intention of providing expanded access to medical services at the PHD’s two north county health care centers. \$201,844 of the funding is anticipated to be used during FY 2014-15. It is anticipated that this grant will extend beyond October 31, 2016 if PHD is able to meet the performance objectives (providing access to medical services for more than 750 new patients) during the grant period.

Background:

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, commonly called the Affordable Care Act (ACA), was signed into law on March 23, 2010. The historic largest expansion of healthcare coverage began in California on January 1, 2014. Since the beginning of this expansion, the Public Health Department has provided healthcare coverage enrollment assistance to approximately 7,000 individuals with more than 4,200 enrolling in some type of healthcare coverage. The Public Health Department has almost 5,000 more new Medi-Cal (CenCal Health) members assigned to its Health Care Centers than were assigned prior to implementation of this healthcare coverage expansion.

In order to meet this growing demand for access to medical services, the Public Health Department applied for and was awarded funding of \$302,776 annually to be used to offset salary costs for a new 1.0 FTE staff physician and a 0.5 FTE health care practitioner.

Performance Measure:

This supplemental funding requires the hiring of at least one full-time equivalent staff physician and a half-time health care practitioner. The performance objective associated with these new staff positions is to provide access to medical services for at least 750 new patients between September 2014 and October 2016. Of these 750 new patients, at least 100 must be patients experiencing homelessness. Unless there are delays in recruiting these new providers, the Public Health Department is confident of meeting this objective in a timely fashion as the demand already exists.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State		\$ -	
Federal	\$ 201,844.00	\$ 302,775.00	
Fees		\$ -	
Other:			
Total	\$ 201,844.00	\$ 302,775.00	\$ -

Approving and authorizing the Public Health Director to accept this Supplemental Funding Grant and Budget Revision Request will provide the funding for the Department’s efforts to expand access to medical services to meet the increased demand for those receiving healthcare coverage through the Affordable Care Act. Supplemental funding in the amount of \$201,844 for FY 2014-15, and \$302,776 for FY 2015-16 and projected annually thereafter will be used for salaries and benefits for a new 1.0 FTE staff physician and a 0.5 FTE health care practitioner.

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

Special Instructions:

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

Attachments:

Budget Revision Request # BJE - 0003677

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