



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: February 4, 2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
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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SUBJECT: Tuberculosis Control Program Special Needs Award

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form:

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Acceptance of Award for the Tuberculosis Control Program with the California Department of Public Health Tuberculosis Control Branch to support tuberculosis Special Needs for the period of January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$29,236.
- B. Approve Budget Revision Request #0003229 to increase appropriations of \$29,236 in the Public Health Department for Salaries and Benefits (\$15,746), Services and Supplies (\$8,700) and Other Charges (\$4,790) to be funded by unanticipated revenue from the Tuberculosis Special Needs Award.
- 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 accept a "Special Needs Award" for the Public Health Department's (PHD) Tuberculosis Control Program for FY 2013-14. The California Department of Public Health Tuberculosis (TB) Control Branch has awarded these funds to assist Santa Barbara County in treating

individuals with active and latent TB and expanding contact investigation efforts to prevent further spread of the disease.

Background:

On July 9, 2013 your Board approved acceptance of a Tuberculosis Control Special Needs Award for the period July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. Due to an ongoing need to mitigate the current outbreak and provide treatment to infectious TB cases and their contacts, PHD has requested and received additional funding from the California Department of Public Health for the period of January 1, 2014 through July 31, 2014. TB control is a mandated core public health function involving both treatment of individuals with active TB and screening of individuals with contact to infectious cases to prevent further spread of the disease. The funds must be used in accordance with the State policies and procedures.

As of December 22, 2013, there were 25 new cases of active TB; representing an increase from the average 21 cases per year. Additional resources, made available with this funding, will allow for an expanded contact investigation and effective management of a large scale TB outbreak involving a vulnerable at-risk population in the North County.

TB is a contagious disease that is transmitted through the air from one person to another by infectious airborne particles expelled when a person with tuberculosis coughs, sneezes or speaks. Anyone inhaling the air containing these particles may become infected

For each TB case encountered, the Disease Control and Prevention staff may investigate and screen an average of 15-20 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: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Approving and authorizing the Chair to execute an Acceptance of Award to implement this Special Needs Award of \$29,236 for January 1 through June 30, 2014 will allow for the continued provision of ongoing TB control activities, and will be used to cover the increasing costs associated with the current TB outbreak in Santa Barbara County. This funding will be used to support a 1.0 FTE extra help Health Services Aide, motor pool costs and Public Health Lab services for TB testing.

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

Special Instructions:

Please retain one (1) executed original Acceptance of Award document and one (1) certified Minute Order for pick-up by PHD. Please email phdcu@sbcphd.org when the documents are ready.

Attachments:

Acceptance of Award for Tuberculosis Special Needs Funds; Period January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

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