



**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: 12-16-08
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Elliot Schulman, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer
Director(s) Public Health Department
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SUBJECT: Grants for Public Health Pandemic and Emergency Preparedness Planning

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Consider recommendations regarding the Grants for Public Health Pandemic and Emergency Preparedness Planning, as follows:

- a) Approve and authorize the Public Health Director to execute the 2008-2009 CDC Public Health Emergency Preparedness, State General Fund (GF) Pandemic Influenza, HHS Hospital Preparedness Program Funding Agreement with the California Department of Public Health in an amount not to exceed \$799,042 which include the following allocations:

Allocation Name	Term	Amount
CDC Base Allocation	8/10/08 - 8/09/09	\$400,786
State GF Pandemic Influenza Allocation	7/01/08 – 6/30/09	\$74,645
HPP Allocation	8/09/08 - 8/08/09	\$323,611

- b) Authorize the Public Health Director to execute any amendments or future agreements for the CDC Public Health Emergency Preparedness, State General Fund (GF) Pandemic Influenza, HHS Hospital Preparedness Program Funding Agreement provided that the amendment or agreement does not exceed by ten percent (10%) the \$799,042 agreement amount.

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Summary Text:

The Public Health Department is receiving a single comprehensive grant of \$799,043 for public health, pandemic, and hospital emergency preparedness. This grant combines funding from three State and Federal agencies as outlined in the table below:

GMS#	Grant	Grand funding	Amount	Grant Purpose
125	1. Public Health Emergency Preparedness	Centers for Disease Control (CDC):	\$400,786	Increase ability of health departments to identify and respond to bioterrorism, infectious disease, and other public health emergencies.
New	2. Pandemic Influenza Preparedness	State General Fund	\$74,645	Prepare health departments to respond to pandemic influenza by meeting specific objectives set by the California Department of Health Services (CDHS).
617	3. Hospital Preparedness Program	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	\$323,611	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.
	Total		\$799,042	

Background:

The Public Health Department 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 since 2002.

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) to support countering potential biological threats to the civilian population. This funding was provided 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 the funding to states for public health preparedness. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services administers the funding to states for hospital preparedness. In California, the California Department of Health Services administers both of these funding sources to the local health jurisdictions.

Beginning with this 2006-2007 contract year, the “California General Fund Pandemic Influenza Funds” provide additional State funding to county health departments to prepare for pandemic influenza.

These three funding sources are combined in this new comprehensive agreement. As before, the funding is population based and is being administered to local jurisdictions through the California State Department of Health Services. The following is a brief summary of the work performed in Santa Barbara County with these funds:

1. CDC Funds for Public Health Emergency Preparedness:

The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department has used the CDC grant funding to increase public health laboratory and disease surveillance capacity and response, provide training for public health staff

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in disease control, incident command system and bioterrorism response, and develop response plans to address pandemic influenza, mass vaccination, risk communication, smallpox, the Biohazard Detection System (BDS) at the U.S. Postal Service distribution center in Goleta, and the Strategic National Stockpile. The Public Health Department has improved and exercised its Department Operation Center, IT security and redundancy, and increased communications, planning and drill activities between Public Health, other county departments, law enforcement, all county hospitals, adjacent jurisdictions and federal agencies.

2. State General Funds for Pandemic Preparedness:

These grant funds have specific objectives that require:

- The revision of the local health department’s pandemic influenza plan following State Department of Health Services guidelines.
- Conducting a pandemic influenza drill with health care partners, law, and schools.
- Expanding the California Health Alert Network (CAHAN) to include local health care facilities and drilling of notification times for critical health information.
- Implementation of year round influenza surveillance, protocols for emergency registration of health care volunteers, and the development of operational guidelines for isolation and quarantine.
- Identification and planning for the operation of alternate care sites, triage plans, and mass vaccination sites.

3. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Hospital Preparedness Program Grant:

This grant supports hospitals, clinics, health departments and local emergency medical services agencies in emergency preparedness. In past years the grant funds have been used to provide training and equipment for patient decontamination, radiation detection, surge tents and cots, increase isolation capacity for infectious diseases, communication and personal protective equipment. Grant funded consultants have worked with all five county hospitals to update their disaster plans and provide National Incident Management System (NIMS) training and conduct exercises that are integrated with the Public Health Department, OES and others. This year hospital evacuation and mass fatality plans will be written and exercised, as well as those for surge bed capacity and county operated alternate care sites.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted:

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 08-09</u> <u>Costs:</u>	<u>FY 09-10</u> <u>Costs:</u>	<u>Annualized</u> <u>On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time</u> <u>Project Cost</u>
General Fund				
State	\$ 74,645			\$ 74,645
Federal	\$ 644,713	\$ 79,684		\$ 724,397
Fees				
Other:				
Total	\$ 719,358	\$ 79,684	\$ -	\$ 799,042

This agreement authorizes the Public Health Director to execute the Public Health Pandemic and Emergency Preparedness Comprehensive Agreement with the California Department of Health Services

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in the amount of \$799,042. \$724,397 of these funds is federal and an additional \$74,645 is covered by the California General Fund. \$719,358 of this amount will be included as part of the adjusted Public Health Department Fiscal Year 2008-09 budget. Because the term of the agreements for the federal grants extend to August 2009, \$79,684 will be part of the Public Health Department's recommended fiscal year 2009-10 budget submission. The allotment will be included in the EMS cost center of the Community Health Division of the Public Health Department shown on page D-204 of the County's Operating Plan Document. 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:

2.94

FTEs:

5.01

This grant supports existing 2.94 FTE, 1 Contractors on payroll, and 1.08 Extra Help positions which are in the Adopted Budget. No increase in legal positions, Contractors on Payroll, and Extra Help is requested.

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

Special Instructions:

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

Attachments:

2008-2009 CDC Public Health Emergency Preparedness, State General Fund (GF) Pandemic Influenza, HHS Hospital Preparedness Program Funding Agreement

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Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program