



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: County Health Department & Agricultural Commissioner's Office
Department No.: 041 & 051
Agenda Date: April 21, 2026
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Directors: Mouhanad Hammami, County Health
Jose Chang, Agricultural Commissioner's Office
Contact: Paola Hurtado, Division Chief of Primary Care and Family Health

Signed by:
Mouhanad Hammami
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SUBJECT: Accept Donations of Pharmaceutical Replenishments and Safety Net Support from Direct Relief International to the County Health Department and Agricultural Commissioner's Office

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: CEO Budget

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the County Health Director and the Director of the Agricultural Commissioner's Office to accept and receive donations from Direct Relief International, a 501(c)(3) organization of pharmaceutical inventory replenishment and other safety net support in the combined total amount of \$513,191.50 provided to the County Health Department and the Agricultural Commissioner's Office during the 2025 calendar year;
- b) Approve Budget Revision BJE 0011016 recognizing the value of the unanticipated donations in the amount of \$513,200.00 as revenue and expense to the County Health Department and the Agricultural Commissioner's Office; and
- c) Determine that the recommended actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and are exempt pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, since the recommended actions are the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities that do

not involve any 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 for your Board to approve, ratify, and authorize the County Health Director and the Agricultural Commissioner's Office Director to accept donated personal protective equipment from Direct Relief International (DRI), a 501(c)(3) organization in the total amount of \$513,191.50. A budget revision is also included for Board approval, equal to the donation amount, as it was not accounted for in the Approved Budget for fiscal year (FY) 2025-26.

In accordance with County Policy D4.1, a donation of over \$10,000 requires acceptance by the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion:

The County Health Department (CHD) along with the other County departments of Behavioral Wellness, the Office of Emergency Management, and the Agricultural Commissioner's Office have long enjoyed a strong relationship with Direct Relief International (DRI) for support during emergencies and disasters.

DRI has made significant donations in the form of pharmaceutical replenishments and other safety net support (see list below) to CHD valued at \$501,207.55 and for N95 masks for the Agricultural Commissioner's Office valued at \$11,983.95. Similarly, DRI also donated other safety net support to the Homeless Services program, including N95 masks to the Behavioral Wellness Department, valued at \$1,381.05 and N95 masks and dental kits to the Office of Emergency Management, valued at \$1,027.20; these donations were under the \$10,000 threshold for County Board acceptance and while mentioned here, are not part of the Budget Journal Entry. The combined total amount DRI donated to the entire County during the 2025 Calendar year was \$515,599.75. A detailed listing of the departments and the types of support is included as Attachment A.

Although the donations were made during the calendar year 2025, they represent 12 months and require a budget revision to the current FY 2025-26 County Health Department and Agricultural Commissioner's Office Adopted Budget.

This item allows CHD and the Agricultural Commissioner's Office to accept donations made to the County in calendar year 2025 and includes a budget revision for \$513,200.00, equal to the value of the donated items.

Background:

DRI's donation for calendar year 2025 reflects our longstanding partnership and matches the level of support DRI has contributed to CHD in prior years. The majority of support from DRI was provided to the County Health Department and the Agricultural Commissioner's Office. Donations included the following items:

- Replenishments of inventory as part of a pharmaceutical assistance program in which eligible low-income County Health Center patients are provided access to free pharmaceuticals. Prescriptions for eligible patients are filled from drug inventory at the County Health pharmacies, which is then replenished by DRI.

- Safety net support of hygiene products, personal protection equipment, and other wellness supports, including dental and hygiene kits, prenatal and multi-vitamins, needle pens for insulin, dietary supplements, and over-the-counter medications to the County Health Healthcare for the Homeless program and the various Health Care Centers.
- Safety net support of personal protection equipment to the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office.

Safety net providers are healthcare providers who deliver healthcare services to patients regardless of their ability to pay. CHD’s Health Centers are considered safety net sites.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No. Donations from DRI and their value are described below:

Fiscal Analysis:

Programs Receiving Direct Relief Support In 2025	Value of Donations
Carpinteria Health Care Center	\$7,967.93
County of Santa Barbara	\$4,188.56
County of Santa Barbara Public Health Pharmacy	\$259,716.18
Franklin Health Care Clinic	\$1,534.01
Health Care for the Homeless - Franklin	\$299.35
Health Care for the Homeless	\$2,837.28
Health Care for the Homeless	\$25,660.41
PATH Shelter	\$396.30
Public Health Clinic	\$19,697.40
Public Health Pharmacy	\$36,135.16
Public Health Pharmacy - Lompoc	\$60,085.58
SBC Health Equality Outreach	\$43,547.67
SB SART Sexual Assault Response Team	\$1,279.80
Santa Maria Healthcare Clinic	\$32,954.98
SM Immunization	\$4,906.94
TOTAL COUNTY HEALTH	\$501,207.55
Agricultural Commissioner’s Office	\$11,983.95
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER’S OFFICE	\$11,983.95
 Total to CHD and Agricultural Commissioner’s Office	 \$513,191.50

The donations were made during the calendar year of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, they represent a full 12-month period, which necessitates a budget revision to the current FY 2025-26 County Health and Agricultural Commissioner’s Office Adopted Budget. According to County policy, the reportable amounts apply exclusively to the County Health Department and the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office. As a result, the Budget Revision will amend the Adopted Budgets of both departments by a total of \$513,200 to account for and reflect the donations received by them for pharmaceutical replenishments and safety net supports.

An additional \$2,400 was donated to the Santa Barbara County Behavioral Wellness Department and Office of Emergency Management; however, these donations were under the \$10,000 threshold for County Board acceptance and while mentioned here, is not part of the Budget Journal Entry to amend the Adopted Budget. Budget Journal Entry BJE-0011016, Attachment B, recognizes the value of the

donations as unanticipated revenue to the County Health Department and Agricultural Commissioner’s Office with a commensurate entry recorded as use of funds. These amounts are rounded to the nearest hundred dollars.

Funding Source	FY 2025-26	Total
General Fund		
State		
Federal		
Fees		
[Other: Donation to County Health Department]	\$ 501,200.00	\$ 501,200.00
[Other: Donation to Agricultural Commissioner’s Office]	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Total	\$ 513,200.00	\$ 513,200.00

Staffing Impacts:

N/A

Special Instructions:

Request the Clerk of the Board provide a copy of the minute order to the County Health Department, Attention: PHDGROUPContractsUnit@sbcphd.org and to the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office, Attention: Jose Chang, jchang@countyofsb.org

Attachments:

Attachment A – Direct Relief Support to Santa Barbara County Executive Office Report

Attachment B – Budget Journal Entry # 0011016

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