



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: June 25, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Mouhanad Hammami, Director,
Director(s) Public Health Department
Contact Info: Dr Henning Ansorg, Health Officer
805-681-5152
SUBJECT: Request to Increase the Authorized Amount of the Waiver of Competitive Bidding
for Laboratory Supplies for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Approve and authorize the County Purchasing Agent, pursuant to County Code section 2-39, to increase the contract (BL2181) total with Becton Dickinson by \$25,000 for each Fiscal Year 2023-24 and Fiscal Year 2024-25 with a revised total amount not to exceed \$80,000 for each fiscal year over the two-year period; and
- b. Approve and authorize the County Purchasing Agent, pursuant to County Code section 2-39, to increase the contract (BL4837) total with Cepheid by an increased amount of \$5,000 for each Fiscal Year 2023-24 and Fiscal Year 2024-25 with a revised total amount not to exceed \$55,000 for each fiscal year over the two-year period; and
- c. Determine that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, because they consist of the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

County Code Section 2-39 requires that the Chief Procurement Officer, the County’s Purchasing Agent, make all purchases and contracts based on competitive bids, unless the Board of Supervisors has waived competition under a particular set of circumstances. Pursuant to County Code Section 2-39, the increase in the contract authorization for the County’s Purchasing Agent requires a continued waiver of competitive bidding as authorized by your Board on May 17, 2022. The Public Health Department (PHD) is requesting authorization for the County’s Purchasing Agent to increase the contract total with Becton Dickinson by \$25,000 for each of Fiscal Year 2023-24 and 2024-25 not to exceed \$80,000 for each fiscal year over the two-year period; and the contract with Cepheid by \$5,000 for each of Fiscal Year 2023-24 and 2024-25 not to exceed \$55,000 for each fiscal year over the two-year period.

The recommended actions will allow the Public Health Laboratory to procure the laboratory supplies necessary to conduct increased tuberculosis testing.

Background: PHD requests that your Board continue to waive the requirement for a competitive bid for the contract increase for Becton Dickinson, and Cepheid for FYs 2023-24 and 2024-25. In general, laboratory equipment is very sensitive and designed to function properly with specific reagents. Use of alternate reagents in many cases is not possible, may negatively impact readings and test results, and may damage equipment and void warranties. For these situations and reasons, PHD is requesting bid waivers.

Santa Barbara County is experiencing an increase of Tuberculosis (TB) patients resulting in a significant increase of specimens coming to the Public Health Laboratory. In order to rule out if a patient has TB, multiple specimens over a period of time have to be tested. Depending on the results, subsequent, different tests must be conducted. This standard practice demonstrates that one patient requires multiple tests, thus causing the need for increased reagent supplies. Two companies provide the different reagents needed to conduct testing on the equipment used.

Becton-Dickinson Company is the only supplier of specific laboratory reagents and test kits for Becton Dickinson instruments used for Tuberculosis (TB) and Chlamydia and Gonorrhea testing.

Cepheid is the only supplier of specific reagents and consumables compatible with Cepheid instruments used by the Public Health Laboratory.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	Current FY Cost:	Annualized On-going Cost:	Total One-Time Project Cost
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	
Other:			\$ -
Total	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -

Approving and authorized the Public Health Laboratory to increase reagent contracts by \$30,000 each year will allow for increased tuberculosis testing. The current three-year bid waiver ends June 30, 2025

and the recommendation is to increase \$30,000 in FY 2023-2024 and FY 2024-2025. These tests are reimbursable by fees and the allotments have been included in the FY 2023-2024 and FY 2024-2025 adopted and Adopted budgets.

Special Instructions:

Request the Clerk of the Board to provide a copy of the minute order by email to the Public Health Department Contracts Unit at PHDGROUPContractsUnit@sbcpd.org and one copy to Purchasing. Attn: Phung Loman.

Attachments:

N/A

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