



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: May 19, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD, Director
Director Public Health Department
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Deputy Director, Community Health
SUBJECT: Tuberculosis Control Program Food, Shelter, Incentives and Enablers (FSIE) Awards

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form:

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an Acceptance of Award No. 1942ADDF01 for the Tuberculosis Control Program with the California Department of Public Health, Tuberculosis Control Branch to assist in providing food, shelter, incentives and enablers (FSIE Award) for TB patients, patients suspected of having TB and/or contacts to TB patients. This award in the amount of \$12,500 is in addition to the previous award of \$10,000 that was accepted in March 2020, and is for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
- B. Determine that these activities are not a project and 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 additional funding for the existing FSIE Award for the Public Health Department's (PHD) Tuberculosis Control Program for FY 2019-20. The California Department of Public Health Tuberculosis (TB) Control Branch has awarded these funds to assist Santa Barbara County in treating individuals with active, resistant, and latent TB and expanding contact investigation efforts to prevent further spread of the disease.

Background:

Due to a recent influx of tuberculosis (TB) cases among children and adults with complex and resistant TB strains, clusters, and outbreaks, the PHD has requested and received additional funding from the California Department of Public Health to support TB control and prevention efforts. 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.

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 PHD 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, authorizing and ratifying the Board Chair to execute an Acceptance of Award from the California Department of Public Health Tuberculosis Control Branch for additional Food, Shelter, Incentives and Enablers (FSIE) program will provide an increase of \$12,500 of needed funding for FSIE program through the end of Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Each fiscal year, the FSIE base award amount is \$8,269. If our jurisdiction has an influx or outbreak of TB cases, additional FSIE funding can be requested. The first Additional FSIE award in the amount of \$10,000 was approved by your Board through the Ongoing Grants List and accepted on March 10, 2020. Accepting this second Additional FSIE award of \$12,500 will provide funding for FSIE expenses through the end of the fiscal year. A budget revision is not needed because there is sufficient budget in the Services and Supplies object level. Board approval is required because cumulative FSIE awards (\$22,500) added more than 10% to the original TB Grant amount.

Special Instructions:

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

Attachments:

- A. TB FSIE Acceptance Award

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