



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:
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD, Director
Director(s) Public Health Department
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SUBJECT: OCHIN, Inc. & California Telehealth Network Telehealth Device Grant Award

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 consider the following recommendations regarding grant funding for the OCHIN, Inc. & California Telehealth Network Telehealth Device Award:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Public Health Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with OCHIN, Inc. and California Telehealth Network for a grant award acceptance to receive equipment for ten telehealth bundled remote workstations for COVID-19 response, with a total amount valued at \$22,000 for the period of September 16, 2020 through September 15, 2021 (Attachment A); and
- b) Approve budget revision request No. 0007242 for the Fiscal Year 2020-21 for the Public Health Department to accept ten remote workstation telehealth devices with a total value of \$22,000 (Attachment B); and
- c) Determine that these activities are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and are exempt from environmental review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), since they are a government fiscal activity that does not involve a commitment to a specific project that may result in a potentially significant effect on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to approve and execute an agreement with the OCHIN, Inc. & California Telehealth Network to award the Public Health Department with equipment to respond to the

coronavirus 2019 disease (COVID-19) pandemic by providing better telehealth capabilities via improved telehealth equipment. The Public Health Department (PHD) will use this equipment for the County’s Primary Care and Family Health clinic to support telehealth efforts.

Background:

OCHIN manages two broadband consortia, OCHIN Broadband Network Services (OBNS) and the California Telehealth Network (CTN), that are eligible to receive COVID-19 Telehealth Program subsidies on behalf of health care providers. On July 8, 2020, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) committed \$1 million to OBNS and \$1 million to the California Telehealth Network (CTN).

The COVID-19 Telehealth Program was established by the FCC in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through this program, the FCC will distribute \$200 million Congress appropriated under the Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to help health care providers deliver telehealth services to patients at their homes or mobile locations.

OCHIN/CTN is releasing a competitive application for members of the two OCHIN-managed consortia interested in utilizing this program. OCHIN has awarded Santa Barbara County Public Health 10 of the Virtual Clinic-At-Home packages to conduct telehealth from the provider’s home. This award includes:

Packages			
	# of Units	Unit Cost	Total
<u>Virtual Clinic-At-Home Package – Bundled Remote Workstation</u>	10	\$2,200	\$22,000.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (1) Surface Pro 7 (i7/16GB/256GB) w/ type cover • (2) HP Elite Display E243 LED monitors – Full HD (1080p) – 23.8’ • (1) Yealink UH36 Dual UC – headset • (1) Yealink UVC30 Desktop – conference camera 			

This grant program requires PHD to:

- Assign a point of contact for the program .
- Administer letter of authorization and HCP number.
- Validate the scope of work.
- Receive, distribute and manage ordered devices and/or services to patients and/or providers.
- Work with OCHIN’s finance department to manage requests.
- Share lessons learned of deploying this technology with OCHIN and fellow program participants.
- Submit a mid-year and final report on the success of the program, including patient and provider demographic information.

The Public Health Department will rely on Public Health’s IT team to receive, setup all equipment according to PHD network requirement and distribute this equipment as needed.

Performance Measure:

There are no performance measure expectations to uphold with this equipment award. A mid-year report and final report on the equipment and telehealth visit numbers may be requested by OCHIN but will not affect the award status.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Executing this agreement will result in additional revenues and offsetting increased appropriations in the amount of \$22,000. The revenues received will be in the form of telehealth workstation equipment. The Public Health Department expects the equipment to be delivered during FY 2020-21. The attached Budget Revision (Attachment B) request adds necessary revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$22,000 in the FY 2020-21 Public Health Department Adjusted Budget.

Key Contract Risks:

There are no contract risks associated with this equipment award.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please send an electronic copy of the Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at: PHDCU@sbcpd.org

Attachments:

- A. OCHIN, INC. & California Telehealth Network Award MOU
- B. Budget Revision Request number BJE#0007242

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