



**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  
**Department No.:** 041  
**Agenda Date:** August 19, 2025  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director: Mouhanad Hammami, County Health  
Contact: Rryn Schumacher, Chief of Strategy and Communications 805-681-5435  
**SUBJECT:** **Acceptance of Donations to the County Health Department in Celebration of 100 Years of Public Health Service in Santa Barbara County**

Signed by:  
*Mouhanad Hammami*  
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**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 the acceptance of a \$75,000 cash donation from CenCal Health to be used for the County Health Department's Century of Service activities;
- b) Approve the acceptance of a \$25,000 cash donation from Marian Regional Medical Center to be used for the County Health Department's Century of Service activities;
- c) Approve and ratify the acceptance of a \$25,000 cash donation from Cottage Hospital, received and designated in FY 2024-2025, to be used for the County Health Department's Century of Service activities;
- d) Approve budget revision BJE 0010767 (Attachment A) in the amount of \$125,000 for the unanticipated revenue from community partners to be designated for celebrating the milestone of 100 years in providing public health services throughout the County; and
- e) Determine that the recommended actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and is exempt pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, because the action is an organizational or administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the Agenda for the Board to authorize the Director, County Health Department, to accept donations totaling \$125,000 from partnering health organizations in support of celebrating the essential services that the Department has provided in Santa Barbara County in the past 100 years to benefit the public's health.

**Discussion:**

Board policy D4.1 (and associated Resolution No. 15-58 approved on March 10, 2015) was adopted by the Board to encourage, recognize, and report donations in the most proper manner as guided by the Government Code, the Internal Revenue Code, and generally accepted accounting principles. Section 25355 of the California Government Code specifies that the board may accept or reject any gift made to or in favor of the county for any public purpose. The county officer or employee shall file a report with the board that describes the source and value of each gift in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000. This item requests such authorization for the County Health Director to accept donations from CenCal Health, Marian Regional Medical Center, and Cottage Hospital.

**Background:**

In 2025, the County of Santa Barbara Health Department (County Health) is proudly celebrating its 100-year anniversary, a significant milestone that reflects a century of commitment to improving public health across the region. To commemorate this historic occasion, County Health has planned a variety of community-focused activities and events designed to honor its legacy – “A Century of Service.”

As part of the centennial activities, this funding will be used to support the planning and implementation of “Back-to-School Health Fair” events across the county, aimed at connecting families with vital health services and resources ahead of the new school year. Our “Back to School Health Fairs” allows families to catch up on childhood immunizations and schools physicals at our clinics regardless of ability to pay, we also offer plenty of “giveaways” in forms of back packs and school supplies. Also, we plan to host a variety of community outreach and educational campaign activities that uplift public health issues, collectively engaging community partners to promote health and wellness for all our residents.

One of the central projects being undertaken is the creation of a commemorative anniversary book and video. These materials will chronicle the major milestones, accomplishments, and growth of the department over the past century. They will include historical photographs, key statistics, and detailed narratives that highlight the evolution of public health services in the county. Additionally, the book and video will highlight programs available to our County residents and expand our visibility so more people are aware of all the services they can get through County Health. The video and book will also serve as a recruiting tool for future employees in addition to publicizing our department.

County Health will also be recognizing this momentous milestone with the opportunity to express gratitude to the invested stakeholders, collaborating organizations, and community members whose efforts have made a Century of Service possible in special centennial tribute events. Two planned events (one in North County and one in South County) will serve as a heartfelt tribute to the department's rich history and bright future, an official unveiling of the anniversary book, and the premiere of the commemorative video. Through these celebrations, County Health aims not only to

reflect on its accomplishments but also to inspire continued collaboration and innovation in public health for generations to come.

Finally, as mentioned, this milestone presents an opportunity to reintroduce ourselves to the community. The department has undergone a rebranding effort that includes a new logo, a new name, and a renewed set of strategic goals that reflect the evolving needs of the communities we serve. We have finalized a branding strategy that includes new signage, promotional materials and educational pamphlets as part of the celebration. These enhancements are designed to strengthen public trust, build stronger relationships with partners, and position the department to make even more significant impact for the next 100 years of service.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Funding Source	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	Total
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Cash Donation	\$25,000	\$100,000	\$125,000
Total	\$25,000	\$100,000	\$125,000

Approval of the acceptance of a \$75,000 cash donation from CenCal Health, a \$25,000 cash donation from Marian Regional Medical Center, approval and ratification of a \$25,000 cash donation from Cottage Hospital, received and designated in FY 2024-2025, and approval of BJE number 0010767 will authorize the County Health Department to fund the centennial year celebration of public health in Santa Barbara County in 2025 (FY 2025-26).

**Attachments:**

Attachment A – Budget Revision (BJE 0010767)

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