



**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:** December 8, 2015  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Takashi Wada, Director and Health Officer, Public Health Dept.  
Director(s)  
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**SUBJECT:** Revenue Agreement for AIDS Drug Assistant Program (ADAP)

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following recommendations:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Public Health Department Director to sign a two year revenue Agreement (Attachment A) with the State of California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS for administration of the AIDS Drug Assistance Program for the period from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017, at \$18,378 each year for a total Agreement amount of \$36,756.
- b) Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment, and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA guidelines.

**Summary Text:**

This agenda item is to authorize the Public Health Department (PHD) to enter into a two year grant agreement which allows for continued reimbursement of the administrative costs of the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) enrollment process. The amount of the grant is increasing from \$7,346 to \$18,378. Because the increase exceeds the ten percent (10%), your Board approval is required.

**Background:**

The County has received ADAP funding through these standard annual agreements since the 1990s. In June 2015, the County received notice from the State Office of AIDS that a new ADAP agreement was

being finalized. This new Agreement has a two year term starting in FY 2015-2016 (as opposed to the prior three-year term) and includes a slightly higher amount to provide compensation for increasingly complex eligibility determinations and protection of client privacy and security. Unfortunately, due to confusion at the State Office of AIDS, Santa Barbara County did not receive the new agreement documents until Tuesday November 10, 2015. The State Office of AIDS, however, has and will continue to honor benefits under this Agreement that began as of July 2015 for eligible HIV/AIDS infected residents of Santa Barbara County.

This grant reimburses the County for the administrative costs of client enrollment and semi-annual recertification for ADAP. Although ADAP is currently administered by the PHD, it is not restricted to County patients only. Anyone in the community with an HIV/AIDS diagnosis that meets the eligibility requirements can participate and ADAP can supplement existing coverage such as private insurance, Medi-Cal, and Medicare Part D. ADAP has a formulary specific to the care and treatment of those infected with HIV or AIDS and offers free or reduced costs for these medications. Antiretroviral medications which are covered by ADAP are otherwise cost prohibitive for many clients and typically average approximately \$16,000 per person, per year. ADAP also provides assistance with high cost diagnostic testing. This program provides more than one million worth of free or low cost medications and testing annually for the residents of Santa Barbara County.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Authorizing the Public Health Director to sign the two year agreement for ADAP will allow for the continuation of the grant at a higher reimbursement for the eligibility determination process. This revenue agreement was budgeted in FY 2015-16 at the previous grant allocation amount of \$7,346 because the new amount was not known. This new two year agreement increases the annual amount to \$18,378 per year. As all necessary appropriation for the eligibility processing is currently budgeted, no budget revision request is necessary.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return a certified Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at [phdcu@sbcphd.org](mailto:phdcu@sbcphd.org).

**Attachments:**

A. Standard Agreement #15-10501 with California Department of Public Health

**Authored by:**

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