

County of Santa Clara

Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System

Public Health



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Appropriation Modification for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Activities

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Request for Appropriation Modification No. 160 - \$160,146 increasing revenue and expenditures for Public Health Emergency Preparedness activities in the Public Health Department budget. (4/5 Roll Call Vote)

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no impact on the General Fund as a result of this action.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Emergency Preparedness Office has approved the use of carry over unspent funds from Public Health Preparedness program for specific activities in the amount of \$828,000. No matching funds or in-kind services are required for these one-time funds.

This Appropriation Modification recognizes \$160,146 for FY2009 and \$338,055 will be budgeted in FY2010. In the fall of 2008, the Board of Supervisors approved the use of some carry over unspent funds, with \$329,799 used for projects in

FY2009.

CONTRACT HISTORY

On May 20, 2008, the Board of Supervisors approved a delegation of authority to the Director of Public Health to execute the FY08 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Comprehensive Agreement (inclusive of CDC Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Cities Readiness Initiative and Pandemic Influenza Preparedness programs) for the period August 31, 2007 through August 9, 2008.

The County has received CDC Public Health Emergency Preparedness funding since 2002, and Cities Readiness Initiative and Pandemic Influenza Preparedness funding since 2006.

On March 2, 2009, the Public Health Department (PHD) received formal notification of approval from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Emergency Preparedness Office, to carry over unspent funds in the amount of \$828,000 through August 9, 2009. Unspent funds are often the result of a delay in notification to health departments of CDC approved allocations, and procurement and contractual requirements at the local level.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The CDPH Emergency Preparedness Office has approved the use of \$828,000 in one-time funds for the following activities:

1. Security enhancements to the Public Health Laboratory;
2. Procurement of supplies and equipment needed for warehouse operations at the site for Receipt, Storage and Staging associated with the Strategic National Stockpile program;
3. Procurement of repackaging system for unused pharmaceuticals deployed from the Strategic National Stockpile;
4. Duplication of the Pandemic Home Health Guide for distribution to the County medical reserve core and public work employees;
5. Equipment and supplies to support Points of Distribution (POD) mass prophylaxis exercises and drills.
6. Development of a plan to address alternate care site state and federal requirements;
7. Modification and update of the Medical Health Branch Operational Area plan; and
8. Revision and update of the Public Health Emergency Operations Plan and associated annex plans to include State recommendations and updates;

It is anticipated that activities one through five will be completed by June 30, 2009. Activities six through eight will be rendered by August 9, 2009.

BACKGROUND

The Public Health Department's Public Health Preparedness Program and Emergency Medical Services Agency coordinate bioterrorism and other medical/health preparedness activities and lead the County's medical/health disaster planning and response efforts. PHD maintains the Medical/Health Operations Center that forms the core infrastructure for medical disaster response, spearheads the development of a Countywide Medical Response System, and has designed a public health laboratory with Level B capabilities. Key staff from PHD and County Office of Emergency Services

meet on a regular basis to maximize all ongoing activities and to ensure mutually beneficial and non-duplicated services.

As a participant in the Cities Readiness Initiative, the Public Health Department joined twenty other cities nationwide (chosen based on population and geographic location), in the development of operational plans to deliver medicines and medicinal supplies within a 48 hour time period during a large-scale public health emergency.

The primary goal of this initiative is to minimize the loss of life during a catastrophic public health emergency by providing drugs to the population identified within a 48 hour time frame. As a CRI recipient, PHD continues to coordinate planning and implement program activities to ensure that hospitals, community health clinics, and local public safety and emergency management agencies are able to mount a collective response to a public health emergency by providing antibiotics to county residents with 48 hours of the decision to do so.

Pandemic Influenza Preparedness funding includes mandates to work with and educate schools, businesses and the community to effectively respond to and recover from pandemic flu.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve the recommended action may impact PHD's ability to complete the additional deliverables approved by the California Department of Public Health, Emergency Preparedness Office.

ATTACHMENTS

- CDPH - Approval Letter
- PH Preparedness F-85