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**Subject: Authorization to Apply for and Accept a 2009-10 Grant from the California Department of Public Health Emergency Response (PHER) Phase III for the period of July 31, 2009 through July 30, 2010. Authorization for the Director of Public Health to sign the Public Health Preparedness Agreement. Authorization for the Purchasing Agent to Increase the Purchase Order Meditech for Immunization Services with the Ventura County Public Health Preparedness Program for the period of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
REQUIRES 4/5TH VOTE.**

Recommendations:

1. That your Board approve and authorize Ventura County Public Health to submit an application for \$1,315,684 to the California Department of Public Health for Emergency Response Phase III for the period July 31, 2009 through July 30, 2010.
2. That your Board authorize the Chair to sign five (5) copies of "Exhibit E – Non-Supplantation Certification Form" certifying that the Health Care Agency agrees not to use funds to supplant funding for existing levels of service and that funds shall only be used for the purposes specified in the Agreement and return three (3) copies to Ventura County Public Health.
3. That your Board authorize the Director of Public Health to sign the standard form Public Health Preparedness Agreement with the California Department of Public Health for the period July 31, 2009 through July 30, 2010.

4. That your Board Approve, and Authorize the Purchasing Agent to increase the purchase orders on behalf of Ventura County Public Health with Meditech from \$75,000 to \$255,934 for the time period of October 22, 2009 to July 30, 2010.
5. That your Board authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the accounting transactions necessary to adjust revenue and appropriations to Organization 5100 (HCA-Public Health Department) as follows for FY 2009-10

Increase Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 1,206,044
Increase Appropriations	
Service and Supplies	\$ 1,206,044

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory:	No (x)	Yes ()
Source of Funding:	Centers for Disease Control via the California Department of Public Health	
Funding Match Required:	None	
Impact on Other Department(s):	None	

Summary of Revenue & Total Costs:

	FY 2009-10	FY 2010-11
Revenue:	\$ 1,206,044	\$ 109,640
Costs:		
Direct	\$ 1,085,439	\$ 98,676
Indirect	\$ 120,605	\$ 10,964
Total Costs	\$ 1,206,044	\$ 109,640
Net County Cost:	\$ -0-	\$ -0-

This is a supplemental request to provide Phase III CDC funding to implement mass vaccinations to our community for the pandemic flu. These funds were not included in the 2009-2010 Adopted Budget.

Current FY Budget Projections:

FY 2009-10 Budget Projection for 5100 HCA-Public Health Services				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings (Deficit)
Appropriations	22,421,349	22,421,349	22,421,349	-0-
Revenue	21,316,165	21,316,165	21,316,165	-0-
Net Cost	1,131,833	1,131,833	1,131,833	-0-

Discussion:

Public Health did not receive the notice of application until November 10, 2009. However, the grant is not competitive, as long as Counties supply the necessary information and submit the application, acceptance is assured. Therefore, for the sake of efficiency, the Public Health Department is coming to your board as soon as possible with both the application and acceptance in one letter.

In April-May of 2009, the outbreak of H1N1 caused a rapid identification and response, affecting public health resources. Some of those costs were covered by existing grants. In the intervening time, the pandemic of influenza has entered the second phase, during which a higher rate of illness, hospitalization and death has occurred. In mid-October, vaccine began to be shipped to all local health jurisdictions. Along with this activity, release of the last phase of H1N1 response funds was made. These federal CDC funds are one-time monies for implementation of the H1N1 vaccine program. The funds are to be used to implement the mass vaccination program approved by the CDC and the California Department of Public Health. Vaccine and the supplies for its administration are provided free of charge by the CDC. However, there are many other costs associated with administering vaccine in large venues. The funds allow the administration of vaccine with community vaccinators (eg. Meditech in Ventura County) at schools, community centers, local correctional facilities, WIC sites, and vaccination through mobile vaccination teams of medically vulnerable homebound populations. We have partnered with the school districts in Ventura County to bring vaccines to all geographic areas of the county by utilizing our existing agreement with Meditech, and partnering with the American Red Cross, the Ventura County Medical Reserve Corps, CERT and DART teams, faith-based organizations, and soon-to-be arranged with the Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association to provide vaccinations to the vulnerable homebound population.

While we have an agreement in place with Meditech to begin the community mass vaccinations, we are asking for an increase in the funding for that agreement to be able to carry out the mass clinics for the period of time that vaccines are available.

By providing vaccinations for free at large venues, we are able to reduce access issues, and minimize the transmission of virus to our population.

This matter has been reviewed by County Counsel, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and the County Executive Office. Questions regarding this item should be directed to Barry Fisher, Public Health Director at 981-5101.



BARRY R. FISHER
Public Health Director



MICHAEL POWERS
Health Care Agency Director

Attachments:

- Exhibit 1 Agreement
- Exhibit 2 Scope of Work
- Exhibit 3 Budget Detail & Budget Funding
- Exhibit 4 Additional Provisions
- Exhibit 5 Special Terms & Conditions
- Exhibit 6 Non Supplantation Certification Form
- Exhibit 7 Meditech Purchase Order