



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Health System



**Date:** January 22, 2013  
**Board Meeting Date:** February 12, 2013  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** 4/5ths

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System  
Susan Ehrlich, MD, MPP, Chief Executive Officer, San Mateo Medical Center

**Subject:** Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request in the amount of \$82,000 from Non-Departmental Reserves to Fixed Assets to fund the purchase of digital mammography equipment (4/5ths vote required)

**BACKGROUND:**

During 2012, a dedicated group of community members known as The Underwire Project (TUP) partnered with the San Mateo County Health Foundation (SMCHF) and the San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) to raise funds for the purchase of state-of-the-art digital mammography technology at SMMC. Only 5% of California mammography centers are still using film, and SMMC is the only center without digital mammography in the Bay Area. TUP and the SMCHF committed to raise \$750,000 of the \$1.5 million total cost of the project; the remainder would be matched by SMMC. Through two successful events and other efforts, including grants, the TUP group and the SMCHF collected a total of \$668,000 towards their goal. Additionally, TUP and the SMCHF have raised \$132,000 in grant funds for a breast health outreach program for underserved women.

**DISCUSSION:**

On December, 11, 2012, your Board recognized the TUP group for its exceptional efforts to raise funds for digital mammography, and decided to provide \$82,000 to the digital mammography project to complete the fundraising for the project. As a result of these combined efforts, SMMC will be able to increase the number of patients to receive mammograms by 50%.

This ATR contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by allowing SMMC to provide digital mammography. It is anticipated that funding the

purchase of digital mammography equipment will enable SMMC to achieve a 50% increase in the number of patients to receive screenings. The increase will be achieved in the months following installation; in FY 2013-14 we estimate 4800 screenings and in FY 2014-15 we estimate achieving the goal of 5250 screenings annually.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

Measure	FY 2012-13 Projected	FY 2013-14 Projected
Number of patients to receive digital mammography screenings	3500	4800

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The amount of this ATR is \$82,000 and the funding is in Non-Departmental Reserves.