



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: October 2, 2015
Board Meeting Date: November 17, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Louise Rogers, Chief, Health System
SaraT L. Mayer, Director, Public Health, Policy and Planning

Subject: Acceptance of Award from the California Department of Public Health
Tuberculosis Control Branch to provide a Tuberculosis Prevention and
Control Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of an award from the California Department of Public Health, Tuberculosis Control Branch to provide tuberculosis prevention and control activities for the term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$315,704.

BACKGROUND:

San Mateo County – like many counties throughout California - continues to be challenged by the increased Tuberculosis (TB) transmission rate among homeless populations and in congregate settings such as shelters, prisons and jails. The County is also facing high immigration rates of TB-endemic countries to its communities and a general reduction in the national public health infrastructure supporting TB control activities. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) provides funding for TB control activities including the investigation of potential cases and administration of the directly-observed therapy program.

DISCUSSION:

Funding from CDPH's current award to the County's TB Control Program will be used to offset the cost of 1 FTE community worker, .50 FTE of a communicable disease investigator, 0.50 FTE of a nurse, and 0.49 FTE of a Senior Public Health Nurse. TB cases and their contacts are typically followed for six to twelve months and sometimes longer. The TB staff will provide prevention and control measures including case management, contact investigation, and directly-observed therapy.

This agreement is late because delays in funding authorization of federal funding prevented CDPH from sending the agreement until late September 2015.

The resolution contains the County's standard provisions allowing amendment of the County's fiscal obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate).

The agreement and resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

The acceptance of this award contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing funds to identify and case manage patients with TB, ultimately preventing spread of the disease. It is anticipated that approximately 63 active TB cases will be case managed by the TB Control Program, with exposed contacts investigated and managed accordingly.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2014-15 Actual	FY 2015-16 Projected
Number of active TB cases that will be case managed to ensure they are no longer infectious, with exposed contacts investigated and managed accordingly.	63	63

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the award is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$315,704. The base award is \$297,512 and \$18,192 is for food and shelter incentives. The revenue and expenditures associated with this award are included in the Public Health, Policy and Planning FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget. Since the County is receiving these funds, there is no net county cost incurred.