

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Inter-Departmental Correspondence Health System



Date:August 27, 2013Board Meeting Date:October 1, 2013Special Notice / Hearing:NoneVote Required:Majority

- To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
- From: Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System SaraT L. Mayer, Director, Public Health, Policy and Planning
- **Subject:** Agreement with the California Department of Public Health for Centers for Disease Control, Hospital Preparedness Program, and Cities Readiness Initiative Grants

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with the California Department of Public Health to provide public health emergency preparedness, for the term of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$1,034,155.

BACKGROUND:

Since the late 1990's federal funds have been made available through the states for the enhancement of the nation's public health emergency preparedness and response infrastructure. The funds are to be used for emergency planning, training, exercises and practice drills; laboratory supplies and equipment; disease and outbreak surveillance; vaccination and anti-viral distribution; and building up pharmaceutical hospital emergency stockpiles.

The Health System will continue consulting and coordinating with the County Office of Emergency Services (OES) regarding the activities associated with this agreement.

DISCUSSION:

In July 2013 the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) awarded the Health System four grants for health emergency preparedness. Under the grants for FY 2013-14 the Health System will continue to work in the following key areas: general health emergency planning; enhancing epidemiological and disease surveillance; implementing technological improvements; developing an all-hazards plan; purchasing laboratory supplies and equipment; emergency training, exercises and drills for public health and clinical staff; and coordinating emergency preparedness activities for hospitals. One of the grants is specific to pandemic influenza planning, drills and exercises. The remaining three grants are for Public Health and hospital planning, drills and exercises, and stockpile accumulation activities.

The funding announcement for FY 2013-14 was sent by CDPH on March 7, 2013, but the agreement was not sent until August 1, 2013. Subsequent work required by the terms of the agreement has been undertaken by the Health System on the written assurance and direction of the CDPH.

Public Health, Policy and Planning (PHPP) requests your Board authorize the Chief of the Health System or designee to execute contract amendments which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

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

The agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing funds to continue to plan for public health emergency preparedness and other emerging public health threats to the County of San Mateo. It is anticipated that by the end of FY 2013-14, 90% of Health System managers will have participated in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) emergency management Incident Command Structure courses.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2012-13 Actual	FY 2013-14 Projected
Percentage of Health System	85%	90%
managers who have participated in the		
FEMA emergency management		
Incident Command Structure courses.		

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$1,034,155 for the term. Funds have been included in the PHPP FY 2013-14 Adopted Budget. There is no Net County Cost associated with this agreement. The payment provisions and levels of service in the agreement are essentially the same as the prior agreement. As required in the terms of the agreement, all funds received will be placed in the Local Public Health Preparedness Trust Fund that was established for this purpose.