

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Health	(2) MEETING DATE 8/18/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Nancy Rosen / 781-5518	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve: 1) a 15-month agreement with the California Department of Public Health to fund Ebola prevention and response activities (July 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016) in the amount not to exceed \$70,558; 2) amend the fixed asset list in Fund Center 160 - Public Health to replace respirator fit testing equipment; and 3) authorize a corresponding budget adjustment from unanticipated revenue. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve a 15-month agreement (July 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016) with the California Department of Public Health in an amount not to exceed \$70,558 to fund Ebola prevention and response activities; 2. Approve an amendment to the fixed asset list to replace respirator fit testing equipment in the amount of \$13,890; 3. Authorize a corresponding budget adjustment in the amount of \$70,558 from unanticipated revenue to Fund Center 160 – Public Health (4/5's vote required); and 4. Authorize the Health Agency Director or designee to sign the Letter of Acceptance, Non-Supplantation Certification Form and any future amendments to the agreement with the California Department of Public Health related to Ebola funding that does not increase the level of General Fund Support required by the Health Agency. 			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Federal	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$70,558.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$70,558.00	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: 1516009 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Penny Borenstein, MD, Health Officer/Public Health Administrator

DATE: 8/18/2015

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

The 2014 Ebola outbreak is the largest Ebola outbreak in history and the first Ebola outbreak in West Africa. This outbreak is the first Ebola epidemic the world has ever known – affecting multiple countries in West Africa. Although the risk of an Ebola outbreak in the United States is very low, the Ebola virus epidemic is a top national security issue. In December of 2014, Congress appropriated funding for emergency Ebola treatment and prevention measures in the United States and West Africa. Funding will support local public health preparedness planning and operational readiness for responding to Ebola.

The Health Agency's Public Health Department is requesting approval of an agreement with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to offset personnel, communications systems, equipment and supplies, and subcontracts to support the Department's accelerated preparedness planning and operational readiness for responding to Ebola.

Specifically, the Public Health Department is requesting to replace a PortaCount respirator fit test machine which was purchased in April of 2004. The PortaCount ensures staff health and safety through properly fitting Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) requires that staff at risk for contracting airborne infectious diseases are properly fit tested for respirator personal protective equipment. A PortaCount

respirator fit testing machine ensures the highest respiratory protection levels are achieved through a properly sized and donned respirator. During an Ebola response, Public Health staff will need to don properly fitting respirators.

The grant will support the following public health preparedness capabilities:

- Community Preparedness
- Public Health Surveillance and Epidemiological Investigation
- Public Health Laboratory Testing
- Responder (Worker) Safety and Health
- Emergency Public Information and Warning/Information Sharing

In order to receive these funds, the State requires the signed agreement be received no later than August 20, 2015.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The Public Health Department coordinates with all local hospitals, community health clinics, urgent care centers, first responder agencies, ambulance providers, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman, skilled nursing facilities and other healthcare providers. County Counsel has reviewed the agreement as to form and legal effect. The County Administrative Office and the Auditor's Office have reviewed and approved the Budget Adjustment Request.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The agreement includes total funding not to exceed \$70,558. The FY 2015-16 budget does not include the expense and revenue associated with the attached agreement. The funds will be used to offset Public Health personnel in the amount of \$13,000, local healthcare providers to attend training on infectious disease response totaling \$24,000, a professional services contract to update Public Health Communicable Disease Response Plans and Procedures in the amount of \$15,000, and replacement of an out-of-date PortaCount Fit testing machine (fixed asset) to ensure the proper fit of respirator masks for Public Health staff in the amount of \$13,890. The budget adjustment allows for the increased appropriation. Approval of the agreement will not increase the level of General Fund required for the Public Health Department.

RESULTS

Approval of the agreement will help ensure that the County continues to be prepared for Ebola and other Public Health emergencies. During FY 2015-16, the agreement will specifically fund the following:

- Updating the Communicable Disease Response Plan
- Training Public Health Nurses on Communicable Disease investigation procedures
- Training Healthcare Coalition members on Healthcare Leadership to ensure a coordinated response to an infectious disease outbreak in the county
- Purchasing a new PortaCount machine to fit test Public Health staff for respirators to ensure they are protected against airborne infectious diseases by having properly fitted Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as required by Cal/OSHA
- Purchasing a satellite internet service plan to support portable satellite system equipment
- Developing and disseminating procedures for the referral of specimens from suspect Ebola patients to qualified Ebola testing laboratories

Collectively these results will support the County's vision of a Safe and Livable Community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Agreement with the California Department of Public Health.