



Legislation Text

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Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), Public Health Division, recommending the Board:

- 1) Accept funding from the California Department of Public Health in the amount of \$9,589 for the provision of the prevention and control of certain sexually transmitted diseases;
- 2) Authorize and delegate authority to the HHS Director to sign Grant 16-10712 (County Agreement Number 302-F1711) for the term July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019;
- 3) Delegate authority to the HHS Director to accept funding and execute any amendments thereto to, and contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management; and
- 4) Authorize the HHS Director or Chief Fiscal Officer to administer said Agreement and execute any subsequent administrative documents relating to said Agreement including required fiscal and programmatic plans or reports.

FUNDING: California Department of Public Health.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) recommending the Board accept funding offered by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to provide prevention and control activities of sexually transmitted diseases. HHS is also recommending the Board delegate authority to the HHS Director, on behalf of the County, to accept funding and execute any amendments and other related documents to the Grant Agreement.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND:

HHS received Grant Agreement (Agreement) 16-10712 (County Agreement Number 302-F1711) from CDPH for the purpose of implementing public health activities to proactively address sexually transmitted diseases (STD) with an emphasis on the prevention and control of infectious syphilis, congenital syphilis gonorrhea, and chlamydia trachomatis infection. The funding is for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 with a provision in the Agreement that the appropriation can be expended or encumbered until June 30, 2019.

Further activities required of HHS personnel include implementation of case-based surveillance; assurance of timely access to quality clinical services; verification of appropriate STD treatment; investigation of reported cases, unusual diseases or outbreaks; identification of a STD patient's sexual network contacts and referral for examination and/or treatment to prevent further disease transmission.

Should CDPH issue any amendments to the Agreement, the HHS Director will have authority accept funding and execute any amendments, after approval by County Counsel and Risk Management. These documents are often received late and with short approval and processing deadlines from the granting agency. Without this authority, the lengthy County approval process can result in a reduced level of service or additional cost to other funding sources, including General Fund, to sustain the affected program's operation until the amendment is approved.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should the County not accept these funds, the information derived from case management and the tracking of the occurrences will be less rigorous and could lead to gaps in information used by epidemiologists and others in the Public Health community.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Concurrence by County Counsel and Risk Management.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve this item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no Net County Cost associated with this Agenda item. Sufficient appropriations are included in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget and for the term of the Agreement.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

1) Clerk of the Board to provide one (1) Certified Minute Order to HHSA Contracts Unit at 3057 Briw Road.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT:

N/A

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