

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Community Health and Clinics

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

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DATE: October 11, 2011

SUBJECT: Public Health Preparedness Comprehensive Agreement

ACTION REQUESTED:

Request that your Board take the following actions:

1. Approve the agreement with the California Department of Public Health for the Public Health Preparedness Comprehensive Agreement for the period from July 1, 2011 through August 9, 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$891,008.
2. Sign the required Non-Supplantation Certification Form; and
3. Authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent contract amendments and periodic certifications of the County's compliance with the non-supplantation requirements.

BACKGROUND:

Placer County has been operating the Public Health Emergency Preparedness program through a contract with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) since 2002. The focus during the prior years of the program was on preparedness capacity assessment, identifying needs, building infrastructure internally and via community collaborations, establishing advisory committees and workgroups, developing plans and joining drills and exercises, assisting with the response to public health emergencies (e.g., outbreaks, H1N1 flu pandemic), and participating in disaster responses (e.g., fires, sheltering).

The 2011-12 cooperative agreement begins a new five-year grant cycle which will build on the work and successes of the preceding years. Over this five year period, local health departments will be required to address 15 public health preparedness capabilities identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as critical components of the new national standards for state and local preparedness planning, eight of which have been identified as priorities for FY 2011-12 by CDPH. They include Public Health Surveillance and Epidemiologic Investigations, Public Health Laboratory Testing, Emergency Operations Coordination, Emergency Public Information and Warning, Information Sharing, Community Preparedness, Medical Countermeasures Dispensing, and Medical Material Management and Distribution.

In FY 2010-11, Public Health Emergency Preparedness funding supported numerous Placer County Public Health Preparedness program accomplishments. Over 197 individuals from partner agencies including Siena Care Center, CalFire, American Medical Response, CalStar, Pride Industries, Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital, Sutter Roseville Medical Center, Kaiser Permanente Roseville, Roseville Care Center, Colonial Healthcare, and Chapa-De Indian Health Program joined HHS in a simulated evacuation of a long-term care facility. In addition, the program completed 40 site assessments for potential points for dispensing and/or mass shelter locations throughout the County. The shelter site assessments, conducted in partnership with the American Red Cross, better prepare the County and cities to plan for and implement a mass shelter response. The results of these assessments most recently supported the HHS, City of Lincoln, and County shelter response to the Lincoln propane tanker fire. The Public Health Laboratory recently received final certification from the federal Centers for Disease Control, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and CDPH as a comprehensive (can handle and test for all bioterrorism threat agents) white powder laboratory. Finally, the Hospital Preparedness focus

of the program was recognized by CDPH with a statewide award for successfully incorporating skilled nursing facilities into overall preparedness planning. Hospital Preparedness funds are mandated and, with coordination from Community Health Division staff, provide support for health care facilities and emergency medical services to develop and maintain disaster preparedness. In FY 2010-11, \$180,000 was budgeted for these agencies in Placer County.

It is a requirement of Health and Safety Code Section 101317 that the County sign two types of certifications. One certifies that the subject funding will not be used to supplant other funding sources, must be signed by the Board Chairman, and is submitted with the signed contract. The second must be submitted with each progress and expenditure report, may be delegated by the Board via an official designation order, and certifies that the funds have not been used to supplant other funding sources during the reporting period.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total award amount is \$891,008. The program is 100% funded with Federal and State funds, and funding awards are based on our approved plans and performance. The award is a 13% decrease from last year's award, due to Federal cuts. The program can adapt to this change due to staff reductions. No County General Fund match is required. This revenue is included in the Department's FY 2011-12 Final Budget.

This contract is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.