



Office of the City Manager

RECESS ITEM
CONSENT CALENDAR
September 10, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager
Submitted by: Jane Micallef, Director, Health, Housing and Community Services
Subject: Grant Agreement: State of California Tuberculosis Special Needs Funding

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution ratifying the action taken by the City Manager during recess authorizing submission and acceptance of a grant agreement with the State of California in the amount of \$27,620; execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments; and implement the projects and appropriation of funding for related expenses, subject to securing the grants for Tuberculosis Special Needs Funding.

NEGATIVE EFFECT IF ACTION IS DELAYED UNTIL AFTER COUNCIL RECESS

Supplemental funds are needed and available immediately in order to manage and coordinate the current large scale tuberculosis contact investigation. Delay in application and receipt of these funds would greatly decrease the efficiency and accuracy of the investigation and place the Berkeley community and region at increased risk of transmission of tuberculosis.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley will receive funds in the amount of \$27,620 from the State of California for FY 2014. This funding requires no local match. The revenue Budget code is 055-4584-331-40-42-14PH02 Expenditure Budget code is 055-4584-440-various-14PH02 with CMS No. SLJ1D. These new funds mitigate the expense of hiring additional staff or incurring overtime expenses as needed to manage this public health emergency. The funds will be appropriated in the First Amendment to the FY 2014 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Public Health Division is in the midst of a large scale tuberculosis contact investigation involving at least 800 individuals and 13 local health jurisdictions far exceeding the capacity of the City's tuberculosis (TB) control staff.

BACKGROUND

The State Department of Health Services Tuberculosis Control Branch recently offered the opportunity to apply for Special Needs Funding to assist with TB control activities related to unusual occurrences such as large contact investigations. This funding is available with expedited application and contract execution.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Funds will be utilized to pay hourly public health professionals to assist in the coordination of the contact investigation and perform epidemiologic support functions.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

If the City did not accept these funds, existing staff time and funding would need to be redirected to manage the investigation. This would result in reduced services elsewhere in the Division. If existing resources were not redirected to this work, the community would be put at increased risk of TB exposure and spread.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

GRANT AGREEMENT: STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE TUBERCULOSIS SPECIAL
NEEDS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley Department of Health, Housing & Community Services, Public Health Division, is committed to conduct Public Health tuberculosis control and prevention activities and provide related services to ensure adherence to State and Federal standards; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley Department of Health, Housing & Community Services, Public Health Division, is committed to protecting residents of Berkeley from unidentified and untreated tuberculosis infections and disease; and

WHEREAS, the needs of a large scale tuberculosis contact investigation exceed our current capacity; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health makes available Tuberculosis Special Needs Funding for unusual occurrences such as large contact investigations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley Department of Health, Housing & Community Services works to promote healthy environments and behaviors, protect residents from disease, and prevent illness, disability, and premature death; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley Department of Health, Housing & Community Services seeks to eliminate health inequities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley should seek outside funding wherever possible to fund vital health services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager's action to submit a grant agreement to the State of California for funding for fiscal year 2014 for the Tuberculosis Special Needs program pursuant to her recess authority is hereby ratified; and the City Manager is authorized to coordinate the current large scale contact investigation; to accept the grant; execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments; and implement the projects and appropriation of funding for related expenses, subject to securing the grant. Budget Codes (Revenue): 055-4584-331.40-42 14PH02; (Expenditure) 055-4584-440.various 14PH02; CMS No. SLJ1D. A record signature copy of said agreements and any amendments shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

