



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
July 25, 2006

To: Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

From:  Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Submitted by: Fred Medrano, Director, Health and Human Services

Subject: Contract: Public Health Trainee

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with Tanya Perez, California Epidemiological Investigation Service trainee, to develop communicable disease protocols, flu prevention campaign, avian flu preparedness, and other communicable disease prevention and control activities for the period July 26, 2006 through June 30, 2007 in an amount not to exceed \$43,000.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMENDATION

The cost of one full-time trainee is \$43,000 for one year of service. The service is a sole source contract because the trainee is assigned to the Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Division through the California Epidemiological Investigation Service (Cal-EIS), a fellowship program run by the California Department of Health Services. The cost of a trainee is standard for all local health departments.

Funds for this one time expenditure will come from salary savings from the Health Officer position and other vacancies in the Public Health Division, and are available in the current year budget in the General Fund budget code 010-4500-440.30-38. The contract has been entered into the City contract database and assigned Contract Management System No. NM4UD.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Cal-EIS program is run by the California Department of Health Services, and designed to prepare public health professionals for public health leadership positions in California by placing Master's or Doctoral level health trainees with local governmental health agencies. This agreement will allow the placement of a Cal-EIS trainee in the Public Health Division. The trainee will assist our staff with preparation for infectious disease outbreaks and other field epidemiological investigations. The trainee will be assigned to the Health Officer to develop a specific list of goals and objectives which will include developing communicable disease

protocols, flu prevention campaign, avian flu preparedness, and other communicable disease prevention and control activities.

BACKGROUND

Current staffing in the Public Health Division precludes timely preparation of a flu prevention campaign or expeditious work on the development of communicable disease protocols and algorithms for use in the investigation of communicable disease reports. These activities are very important in preventing communicable disease and outbreaks in our community.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Cal-EIS trainee provides a win-win: important public health workforce development for the State of California Public Health system. At the same time, the City of Berkeley obtains support for public health staff working in communicable disease and public health preparedness at a critical time and at a very reasonable cost. Additionally, the placement improves the relationship of the Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Division with the California Department of Health Services by collaborating and serving as a training site to prepare for a public health emergency.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Alternative action would be to delay important work needed in communicable disease prevention and control activities, and disaster preparation.

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Attachment

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.            -N.S.

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH TANYA PEREZ, CALIFORNIA  
EPIDEMIOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION SERVICE TRAINEE

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley has a priority to be prepared for the Avian Flu and other potential communicable disease outbreaks; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human, Public Health Division has a long tradition of training public health professionals; and

WHEREAS, the State of California Department of Health Services, California Epidemiological Investigation Service Program's goal is to prepare epidemiologists for public health leadership positions in California; and

WHEREAS, no reasonable alternative exists for the provision of developing communicable disease protocols, flu prevention campaign and other communicable disease prevention and control activities in as timely manner as would result from the agreement between the State of California, Department of Health Services and the City of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the current year budget in the General Fund budget code 010-4500-440.30-38, and the contract has been entered into the City contract database and assigned Contract Management System No. NM4UD.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract and any amendments with Tanya Perez, California Epidemiological Investigation Service trainee, to develop communicable disease protocols, flu prevention campaign, avian flu preparedness, and other communicable disease prevention and control activities for the period July 26, 2006 through June 30, 2007 in an amount not to exceed \$43,000. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.