



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## AGENDA ITEM

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**DATE:** September 29, 2015

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**SUBJECT:** FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 TUBERCULOSIS (TB) CONTROL REVENUES AND SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

### Overview

The County of San Diego provides for the prevention and control of tuberculosis (TB) through a combination of federal, State, and local funding.

Pursuant to authority provided by this Board on March 16, 1999 (3), which authorized the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) Director to seek additional external funding to build capacity and enhance programs for threats to public health, HHS has been awarded grants from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the State of California Department of Public Health for countywide TB treatment and control and refugee health assessment services.

Today's action requests Board approval to accept revenue awarded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the State of California Department of Public Health in the amounts of \$2,691,983 for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 for TB control and treatment services and \$1,130,000 for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 for the Refugee Health Assessment Program/Refugee Health Promotion Project. Today's action also requests continued authority to seek and apply for grant opportunities to further enhance TB control in the region.

This item supports the *Live Well San Diego* vision by building a better service delivery system to reduce the spread of disease and improve health outcomes in the San Diego region.

### Recommendation(s)

#### CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery.
2. Approve and authorize the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to accept an award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the amount of \$1,825,391 for tuberculosis control and treatment services for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, and any additional or supplemental funding during the grant term that does not materially impact either the program or funding level.

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3. Authorize the Director of Public Health Services, upon receipt, to sign any related assurances for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention revenue for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
4. Approve and authorize the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to accept an award from the State of California Department of Public Health in the amount of \$866,592 for tuberculosis control and treatment services for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, and any additional or supplemental funding during the grant term that does not materially impact either the program or funding level. The \$866,592 includes \$578,801 in base funding; \$83,648 in Food, Shelter, Incentives and Enablers (FSIE); \$123,570 for Tuberculosis Epidemiologic Studies; and \$80,573 for tuberculosis control along the border.
5. Authorize the Director of Public Health Services, upon receipt, to sign any related assurances for the State of California Department of Public Health tuberculosis control and treatment services revenue for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
6. Approve and authorize the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to accept of an award from the State of California Department of Public Health in the amount of \$1,130,000 for the Refugee Health Assessment Program/Refugee Health Promotion Project (RHAP/RHPP) for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, and any additional or supplemental funding during the grant term that does not materially impact either the program or funding level.
7. Authorize the Director of Public Health Services, upon receipt, to sign any related assurances for the State of California Department of Public Health Refugee Health Assessment Program/Refugee Health Promotion Project revenue for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.
8. Authorize the Director, Health and Human Services Agency to seek and apply for grants to fund efforts that build capacity and enhance programs for early detection and prevention of threats to the public's health.

**Fiscal Impact**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2015-17 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of \$5,589,425 and \$3,821,983, respectively in Fiscal Year 2015-16. The funding sources are the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the State of California Department of Public Health. A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the funding does not fully offset all costs, and the public health benefits associated with TB treatment and control activities far outweigh the non-reimbursed costs. The B-29 costs of \$1,767,442 will be funded with Health Realignment. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**Business Impact Statement**

N/A

**Advisory Board Statement**

The Health Services Advisory Board reviewed and approved this Board Letter at its meeting on

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September 17, 2015.

**Background**

Since 1982, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has awarded the County federal funds under a non-competing Tuberculosis Control Cooperative Agreement to finance the costs of County personnel and other items that support tuberculosis (TB) surveillance, investigation, treatment, and prevention to reduce morbidity, control transmission and drug resistance, conduct laboratory analysis, and promote TB awareness and education.

On March 16, 1999 (3) the Board authorized the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) to pursue additional funding to build capacity and enhance programs for early detection of threats to public health in San Diego County. Pursuant to this authority, HHS applied for and was awarded grants from the CDC and the State of California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for countywide TB treatment and control and refugee health assessment services. Today's action requests Board approval to accept these awards.

**Recommendation 2:** Ratify and authorize the Clerk of the Board, upon receipt, to accept an award from the CDC in the amount of \$1,825,391 for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Funds are for TB prevention and control activities including surveillance and disease investigation. In 2014, 220 newly active TB cases were reported in the County, a decrease of 21 percent from 280 cases reported in 2007.

**Recommendation 3:** Ratify and authorize the Clerk of the Board, upon receipt, to accept an award from the CDPH in the amount of \$866,592 for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Funds are for TB investigation and case management, including:

- \$578,801 base funding for disease investigation and prevention activities, including the screening of approximately 5,000 individuals for disease each year in the TB clinic;
- \$83,648 in Food, Shelter, Incentives and Enablers (FSIE) for housing and monitoring of infectious patients;
- \$123,570 for Tuberculosis Epidemiologic Studies to improve the diagnosis and treatment of latent TB infection; and
- \$80,573 for cross-border activities, including education and continuity of care activities.

TB exposure investigations were conducted for more than 700 individuals in 2014, including individuals in 74 group settings, such as schools. During 2014, housing was provided for 19 infectious patients until rendered no longer communicable. In 2014, more than 2,027 high risk individuals were screened for TB.

**Recommendation 4:** Approve and authorize the Clerk of the Board, upon receipt, to accept an award with CDPH in the amount of \$1,130,000 for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. Funds are for the Refugee Health Assessment Program/Refugee Health Prevention Project (RHAP/RHPP), including:

- \$1,080,000 for assessments inclusive of TB, lead, and hepatitis testing; and
- \$50,000 for referrals to primary care for significant or chronic health issues.

Health assessments conducted by HHS for newly arrived refugees through RHAP/RHPP include tests and follow up referrals for both communicable and chronic conditions. In 2014, 2,550 refugees were screened and referred for indicated follow-up.

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**Linkage to the County of San Diego Strategic Plan**

Today’s proposed actions support the Safe Communities initiative in the County of San Diego’s 2015-20 Strategic Plan as well as the Building a Better Service Delivery System strategy of the *Live Well San Diego* vision by preventing and controlling the spread of tuberculosis, one of the leading infectious causes of death in the world today.

Respectfully submitted,

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HELEN N. ROBBINS-MEYER  
Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)  
N/A

**AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**

**REQUIRES FOUR VOTES:**        Yes      No

**WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED**  
   Yes      No

**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:**

December 4, 2012 (4); the Board approved tuberculosis services focused on clients who are high risk or high priority as set forth by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), June 18, 2013 (11); FY 13-14 Tuberculosis Control Revenues and Services, June 26, 2012 (10); FY 12-13 Tuberculosis Control Revenues and Services, June 28, 2011 (7); FY 11-12 Tuberculosis Control Revenues and Services, June 22, 2010 (10); FY 10-11 Tuberculosis Control Revenues and Services, May 12, 2009 (6); FY 09-10 Tuberculosis Control Revenues and Services, May 6, 2008 (7); FY 08-09 Tuberculosis Control Revenues and Services, April 24, 2007 (6); FY 07-08 Tuberculosis Control Revenues and Services, October 24, 2006 (14) the Board accepted revenues from CDC, California Department of Public Health, Federal Housing and Urban Development, and other entities.

**BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:**

Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts – Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery.

**BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:**

Waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and State of California Department of Health Services revenues do not fully offset indirect costs. These costs are budgeted, and the public health benefits associated with TB treatment and control activities far outweigh the non-reimbursed costs. Costs to be waived are

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estimated at \$1,767,442 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

**MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:**

N/A

**ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Award – 503333
State TB Control Branch Main Grant	Award – 104615
Food, Shelter, Incentives and Enablers	Award – 104614
Tuberculosis Epidemiological Control Study	Award – 104615
State TB Control Branch Border Project	Award – 104637
State Refugee Section	Award – 503127 and 503128

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** Health and Human Services Agency

**OTHER CONCURRENCES(S):** N/A

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