



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

AGENDA ITEM

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DATE: March 14, 2017

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: ACCEPT CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT FOR REFUGEE HEALTH ASSESSMENT SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

Overview

The County of San Diego provides a comprehensive health screening for newly arrived refugees, asylees, and those paroled into the U.S. and planning to reside in San Diego County. The Refugee Health Assessment Program (RHAP), which screens for acute, chronic, and infectious disease, has been annually funded through the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Office of Refugee Health (ORH) since March 16, 1999. In the past three months there has been an increase in the number of new refugee arrivals to meet the Federal FY 2015-16 goal of resettling 85,000 individuals throughout the U.S., which represents an increase over the 70,000 limit in place since 2013. The majority of recent arrivals are from Iraq; 27 percent, Syria; 20 percent, Afghanistan; 15 percent, and other countries; 38 percent. At a national level, there are 110,000 new refugee arrivals scheduled for admission for FY 2016-17.

Today's action requests the Board of Supervisors to approve and authorize the Clerk of the Board, upon receipt, to execute an additional one year Refugee Health Assessment Program Grant with CDPH from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, for a total of \$500,000. Ratification is necessary since the grant was received after the effective date. Authorization is further requested to apply for any additional grant opportunities to further enhance TB control and Refugee Health in the region.

This action supports the County's *Live Well San Diego* vision to build better health by improving access to care and enhancing health outcome 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, which requires prior approval of grant applications and full-cost recovery of grants.
2. Approve and authorize the Clerk of the Board, upon receipt, to execute a one year grant and all required grant documents with the CDPH for the Refugee Health Assessment

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Program (RHAP) to provide additional refugee health assessment services for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 for \$931,000, including any extensions, amendments, or revisions that do not materially impact or alter the program or funding level.

3. 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 were not included in the Fiscal Year 2016-18 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of \$935,447 and revenue of \$931,000 in Fiscal Year 2016-17. The funding source is the California Department of Public Health, Office of Refugee Health. A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the funding does not offset all costs. These costs are estimated at \$4,447 for Fiscal Year 2016-17. The funding source for these costs is Health Realignment. The Health and Human Services Agency certifies the public benefit for providing these services far outweighs these costs. 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 voted to support this action at its meeting on November 17, 2016.

Background

Recommendation 1: Waive Board Policy B-29

Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts – Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery. Estimated costs exceed revenue by an estimated \$4,447 for Fiscal Year 2016-17. The public benefit for providing these services far outweighs this cost.

Recommendation 2: Approve Acceptance of Funds and Authorize Clerk of the Board

Signature

California Department of Public Health, Office of Refugee Health has awarded the County funds to finance the costs of County personnel and contractors to provide refugee health screening, culturally sensitive health navigation, and referral case management for chronic, acute, and infectious diseases and conditions.

On September 13, 2016 (14), 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 a grant from the CDPH for refugee health assessment services. Today's action requests Board approval to accept this award. The award will support service provision for the current backlog of 600 refugees resulting from an increase in the number of arrivals at the end of Fiscal Year 2015-16 year as well as an increase of approximately 1,150 refugees in Fiscal Year

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2016-17 compared to Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Recommendation 3: Authorize Future Applications

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.

Linkage to the County of San Diego Strategic Plan

Today’s proposed actions support the Safe Communities and Healthy Families Initiative in the County of San Diego’s 2016-21 Strategic Plan, as well as the Building Better Health and Improving Access to Care strategy of the *Live Well San Diego* vision by providing health screening and referral case management for vulnerable populations residing in San Diego County.

Respectfully submitted,

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