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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF A DONATION AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WITH  
THE LARRY KING CARDIAC FOUNDATION  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request approval to extend the term of an Agreement with The Larry King Cardiac Foundation to continue to accept donation of cardiac care devices for indigent patients at LAC+USC Medical Center (LAC+USC).

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Approve and authorize the Interim Director of Health Services (Director), or his designee, to execute Amendment No. 1 to The Larry King Cardiac Foundation Agreement No. H-701855 to extend the term of the Agreement for the provision of cardiac care devices, effective February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2012 at no cost to the County.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended amendment, substantially similar to Exhibit I, will extend the current Agreement with The Larry King Cardiac Foundation (Foundation) for three years. Under the current Agreement, the Foundation donates cardiac care devices (e.g., stents, pacemakers, defibrillators and heart valves) for indigent patients at LAC+USC in need of cardiac specialty services or suffering from severe or chronic cardiac distress. The current Agreement expires on January 31, 2009.

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Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action supports Goal 4, Fiscal Responsibility, and Goal 7, Health and Mental Health of the County Strategic Plan.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Since February 1, 2006 through October 31, 2008, the Foundation has provided a total of 157 cardiac devices at no cost to the County which has resulted in cost savings to the County of \$604,273. Attachment A provides cost savings by Fiscal Year and specific device. LAC+USC will continue to provide the physicians and support services associated with cardiac procedures. Per the Agreement, the Foundation will continue to provide approximately 100 cardiac care devices each year, valued up to \$750,000 per year during the extended term. LAC+USC may realize a potential cost savings of up to \$2.25 million over the extended three-year Agreement period.

Funding for LAC+USC operations, including cardiac care, is included in the Department's FY 2008-09 Final Budget and will be requested in future years.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONAL/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On January 17, 2006, your Board approved a County-Foundation partnership project, effective February 1, 2006 through January 31, 2009 to provide cardiac care devices to individuals who, due to limited means or inadequate insurance, might otherwise be unable to receive the treatment and care they need.

The Foundation ensures that patients with limited means receive proper medical attention. Certain medical devices are funded through the Agreement to Foundation eligible patients who must meet the following minimum criteria: a) patient is a U.S. citizen or has legal right to be in the U.S.; b) patient has no health insurance (public or private) and no financial ability to pay for the procedures; c) patient has not been convicted of a felony; and d) patient signs the Foundation media and privacy waiver forms. The County's only obligation is to submit forms completed by patients to obtain approval of eligibility from the Foundation. The County is not responsible for verifying or ensuring patient eligibility. The County will continue to provide cardiac treatment and devices to County responsible indigent patients who are not eligible under Foundation criteria.

The Department is requesting an extension of this Agreement effective February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2012, with no change in contracted terms.

Either the Foundation or the County may terminate the Agreement with a 30-day prior written notice.

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County Counsel has reviewed and approved Exhibit I as to form.

**CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Not applicable.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommended action will assist LAC+USC to continue to provide life-saving medical devices to indigent patients receiving cardiac care services at LAC+USC.

**CONCLUSION**

When approved, DHS requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,



John F. Schunhoff, Ph.D.  
Interim Director

JFS: skd

Attachments (2)

c: Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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**LARRY KING CARDIAC PROGRAM  
SAVINGS BY FISCAL YEAR  
As of 10/31/2008**

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>DEVICE</b>	<b>QTY.</b>	<b>UNIT COST* (approx.)</b>	<b>SAVING (approx.)</b>
<b>FY2005-06</b>	Stent	16	\$2,700	\$43,200
	Pacemaker	5	7,849	39,245
	Defibrillator/ICD	1	25,520	25,520
<b><i>FY2005-06 Total</i></b>		<b>22</b>		<b>\$107,965</b>
<b>FY2006-07</b>	Stent	61	\$2,700	\$164,700
	Pacemaker	8	7,849	62,792
	Defibrillator/ICD	1	25,520	25,520
	Heart Valve	5	5,047	25,235
<b><i>FY2006-07 Total</i></b>		<b>75</b>		<b>\$278,247</b>
<b>FY2007-08</b>	Stent	45	\$2,700	\$121,500
	Pacemaker	5	7,849	39,245
	Defibrillator/ICD	1	25,520	25,520
	Heart Valve	1	5,047	5,047
<b><i>FY2007-08 Total</i></b>		<b>52</b>		<b>\$191,312</b>
<b>FY2008-09</b>	Stent	7	\$2,700	\$18,900
	Pacemaker	1	7,849	7,849
<b><i>FY2008-09 Total</i></b>		<b>8</b>		<b>\$26,749</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>157</b>		<b>\$604,273</b>

\* The cost of the cardiac devices if purchased by the County.

Exhibit I

Contract No. H-701855-1

THE LARRY KING CARDIAC FOUNDATION  
CARDIAC DEVICES DONATION AGREEMENT

AMENDMENT NO. 1

THIS AMENDMENT is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009,

by and between

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
(hereafter "County"),

and

THE LARRY KING CARDIAC FOUNDATION  
(hereafter "Contractor").

WHEREAS, reference is made to that certain document entitled  
"THE LARRY KING CARDIAC FOUNDATION CARDIAC DEVICES DONATION  
AGREEMENT" and further identified as County Agreement No. H-701855  
(hereafter "Agreement");

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the parties hereto to extend the  
Agreement through January 31, 2012 and make other hereinafter  
described changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. This Amendment shall become effective on February 1, 2009.
2. Paragraph 6, TERM OF AGREEMENT, shall be revised to read  
as follows:

"6. TERM OF AGREEMENT: February 1, 2006 through January  
31, 2012. This Agreement may be canceled or terminated at any



Director of Health Services and Contractor has caused this Amendment to be subscribed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, the day, month, and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By \_\_\_\_\_  
John F. Schunhoff, Ph.D.  
Interim Director of Health Services

THE LARRY KING CARDIAC FOUNDATION  
Contractor

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

 \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

Title \_\_\_\_\_  
(AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

APPROVED AS TO CONTRACT  
ADMINISTRATION:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
CONTRACTS AND GRANTS DIVISION