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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, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A MEDICARE IMPROVEMENT FOR PATIENT AND PROVIDER ACT (MIPPA) GRANT AWARD (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Community and Senior Services (CSS) requests authorization to accept a Medicare Improvement for Patient and Provider Act (MIPPA) grant award and approval to execute a MIPPA contract and future amendments with the California Department of Aging (CDA) for Fiscal Years 2009-10 and 2010-11, and execute a contract amendment with the Center for Health Care Rights, the current CSS Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) contracted service provider. The grant award will be used to assist with the enrollment of beneficiaries for the prescription drug benefit and expand the outreach efforts for the Low Income Subsidy (LIS) and Medicare Savings Program (MSP).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of CSS, or designee, to accept the MIPPA Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) funding in the amount of $115,498 and MIPPA HICAP funding in the amount of $32,117 from the CDA for services to be provided over Fiscal Years 2009-10 and 2010-11.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of CSS, or designee, to execute contract agreement number MI-0910-19 and any contract amendments with the CDA as required for acceptance of the current and future MIPPA AAA and MIPPA HICAP funding.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of CSS, or designee, to accept any future MIPPA AAA and MIPPA HICAP funding through contracts or contract amendments from the CDA through FY 2010-2011, provided that the Director of CSS, or designee, notifies your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO) in writing within ten workdays of acceptance.
4. Delegate authority to the Director of CSS, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract amendment to the HICAP Contract (contract number 40374) with the current HICAP contractor, the Center for Health Care Rights, to increase the contract sum by $67,903 for FY 2009-10, in exchange for the provision of additional HICAP services/areas and incorporate necessary changes to the scope of work. The approval of County Counsel, as to form, and the CEO will be obtained prior to execution of any contract amendments. The remaining $67,903 for FY 2010-11 will be distributed to the contractor selected as a result of a solicitation to be released shortly.
5. Authorize the Director of CSS, or designee, to execute contract amendments to increase or decrease the amended HICAP contract amount in response to State funding increases/decreases in relation to MIPPA funding based on contractor performance and total funds available provided that: (a) approvals of County Counsel, as to form, and CEO are obtained prior to any such amendments; and (b) the Director of CSS, or designee, confirms in writing to the Board of Supervisors and the CEO within 30 days after such amendments have been executed. This action would assure full expenditure of the MIPPA funds and is consistent with the Board's policy requiring review of contractor performance.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The recommended actions will enable CSS to enhance current HICAP contracted services to include assisting in expanding Medicare beneficiary enrollment in the LIS and MSP Programs by enrolling qualified beneficiaries in Medicare Part D, and providing enhanced outreach services intended to increase the number of Medicare low income assistance eligible beneficiaries. The LIS Program provides financial assistance for prescription drugs to Medicare beneficiaries who have limited income and resources. Those who are eligible for this low-income subsidy can receive help with their monthly premium payments, yearly deductible, prescription coinsurance, and copayments. MSP provides elderly and disabled people on Medicare access to prescription drug coverage from private prescription drug plans.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended actions are consistent with principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan goals of *Children, Family and Adult Well-Being, Community and Municipal Services, and Health and Mental Health.* State benchmarks for the implementation of the MIPPA program require that CSS enrolls approximately 285 clients using the AAA MIPPA funds, and 80 clients using the HICAP MIPPA funds by the end of FY 2009-10.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

MIPPA funding will be allocated to CSS in two increments, $73,807 for FY 2009-10 and $73,807 for FY 2010-11. For each fiscal year's allocation, $5,905 will be retained to cover administrative costs. Funding for the first half of the grant has already been included in the FY 2009-10 Final Adopted Budget. There is no impact on the County general funds as these funds are fully financed with MIPPA federal funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The CDA recently channeled MIPPA funding under authority of the MIPPA Act of 2008, Section 119, Public Law 110-275 to AAAs and HICAP providers to improve outreach and assistance efforts for the enrollment of Medicare beneficiaries in the LIS and MSP programs. As part of the MIPPA contract, CSS will be required to meet the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) established performance measures. The MIPPA contract with the CDA is expected to be executed upon Board approval for the acceptance of funds. Program funding is contingent upon execution of the MIPPA contract with the CDA.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Services for the MIPPA program will be provided by the HICAP contractor, in the amount of $67,903 for FY 2009-10. The remaining $67,903 for FY 2010-11 will be distributed to the contractor selected as a result of a solicitation to be released shortly.

In addition to an increase in the provision of existing required HICAP services, the contract amendment for FY 2009-10 will allow changes to the scope of work to include the provision of the following MIPPA services:

- Develop outreach materials and conduct enhanced outreach activities.
- Collaborate with Social Security Administration (SSA) district offices on outreach activities for LIS and MSP.
- Educate County eligibility workers about LIS and how LIS coordinates with the Medi-Cal program.
- Train staff and volunteers who will assist with the LIS and MSP outreach activities.
- Completion of enrollment applications for LIS and MSP.

These efforts to encourage LIS or MSP eligible individuals to enroll in the programs will provide beneficiaries with additional resources which promote continued health and well-being.

On July 11, 2000, your Board approved guidelines for the acceptance of State and Federal grants of $100,000 or more. These guidelines require that County departments prepare a Grant Management Statement prior to commencing the activities related to the grant. Accordingly, a Grant Management Statement for this grant is enclosed.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will enable CSS to continue to expand service delivery to seniors in Los Angeles County. In addition, these efforts will generate additional collaboration between the County, service providers, and other entities that serve the target population.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please mail two copies of the adopted Board letter to Sonja Ivey-Rojas, Contract Management Division, CSS, Room 403, 3175 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles, CA 90020.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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Attachment

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

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants $100,000 or More

Department: Community and Senior Services

Grant Project Title and Description

The CDA recently channeled MIPPA funding in the amount of $147,615 under authority of the MIPPA Act of 2008, section 119, PL 110-275 to CSS to improve outreach and assistance efforts for the enrollment of Medicare beneficiaries in the LIS and MSP programs. These efforts to persuade LIS or MSP eligible clients to enroll in the programs will provide our client base with additional resources which promote continued health and wellbeing efforts by our department.

Funding Agency	**Program** (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)	**Grant Acceptance Deadline**
California Department of Aging	MIPPA -Contract # MI-0910-19	

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $147,615	**County Match: $ 0**	
Grant Period: 22 Months	**Begin Date: 08/01/2009**	**End Date: 05/31/2011**
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: 0	**Full Time: 0**	**Part Time: 0**

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	___	**No**
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	___	**N/A**
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?		No
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:		N/A
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services		**N/A**
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)		**N/A**
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.		**N/A**

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

Does not apply to this grant.

Other requirements not mentioned above: There is no impact to the General Fund.

Department Head Signature Cynthia Banks (os) Date: 12-1-09