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July 31, 2007

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:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH: APPROVAL OF FEDERAL AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA FUNDING FOR BIOTERRORISM PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE AND OTHER RELATED ISSUES (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or his designee, to accept and execute any future amendments to Notice of Cooperative Agreement (NCA) U90/CCU917012-07 currently in the amount of \$37,427,078 (\$36,792,148 in Financial Assistance and \$634,930 in Direct Assistance) from the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), that allow for the internal redirection of NCA funds, permit the rollover of previous NCA funds, or that increase or decrease NCA funding up to an additional 25 percent, which is an increase above the current delegated authority of 25 percent approved by your Board on November 21, 2006, for a total of 50 percent, for the funding period of August 31, 2006, through August 30, 2007, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office and notification of Board offices.
2. Authorize the Director of DPH, or his designee, to accept forthcoming NCA U90/CCU917012-08 from CDC, which will provide for funding support to upgrade local public health jurisdiction preparedness for the response to bioterrorism, outbreaks of infectious disease, and other public health threats and emergencies effective August 31, 2007 through August 30, 2008, in an amount not to exceed 25 percent of NCA U90/CCU917012-07 currently in the amount of \$37,427,078, which includes funding support for the City of Long Beach and the City of Pasadena ("Cities").

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3. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or his designee, to accept and execute any future amendments related to NCA U90/CCU917012-08 from the CDC that permit rollover funds, or that increase or decrease funding up to 25 percent of the total amount of the NCA, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office and notification of Board offices.
4. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or his designee, to accept forthcoming funding from the California Department of Health Services (CDHS) for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness, in an amount not to exceed 25 percent of CDHS Agreement EPO 06-60 currently in the amount of \$1,506,841, effective August 31, 2007 through August 30, 2008.
5. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or his designee, to accept and execute any future amendments related to this forthcoming CDHS funding, that allow for an internal redirection of funds, permit a rollover of funds, or that increase or decrease funding up to 25 percent of the total maximum obligation of CDHS Agreement EPO 06-60, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office and notification of Board offices.
6. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH to execute amendments to Agreements H-701583 and H-701584 with the City of Long Beach and the City of Pasadena, respectively, to pass through forthcoming CDC funds to provide for response support to a bioterrorist threat or other similar public health emergency, including Pandemic Influenza Preparedness, in Los Angeles County, for the period of August 31, 2007 through August 30, 2008, contingent upon receipt of CDC funding for the renewal term with the maximum obligation determined by the CDC.
7. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or his designee, to select providers and to negotiate and execute bioterrorism and public health emergency preparedness related contracts and amendments, with contract maximum obligations not to exceed \$500,000 per contract, effective upon execution by the parties through August 30, 2009, 100 percent funded by the CDC and/or CDHS forthcoming awards, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office and notification of Board offices.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In approving the recommended actions, the Board is allowing DPH to accept funding to support the upgrade of County and Cities local public health preparedness in their response to bioterrorism, outbreaks of infectious diseases, and other public health

threats and emergencies and delegating authority to DPH to enter into other bioterrorism preparedness related support agreements requiring quick or emergency start-up.

Approval of these actions will enable DPH to receive substantial financial support for its Preparedness and Response for Bioterrorism Program, and will greatly enhance the capacity of DPH to rapidly detect, investigate, and mitigate the effects of outbreaks of illness that may either be naturally occurring or result from acts of terrorism involving biological agents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Acceptance of future amendments to CDC's NCA U90/CCU917012-07, as requested under Recommendation Number 1, will increase funding for the period August 31, 2006, through August 30, 2007, thereby increasing the current funding amount of \$37,427,078 (which includes \$634,930 in Direct Assistance and \$36,792,148 in Financial Assistance). There will be no net County cost associated with this action.

Approval and acceptance of forthcoming CDC and CDHS funding, as requested under Recommendations 2, 3, 4, and 5, for the period August 31, 2007 through August 30, 2008, will permit DPH to accept funding that does not exceed 25 percent of the CDC's current NCA amount of \$37,427,078 or the CDHS current award amount of \$1,506,841. There will be no net County cost associated with this action.

Approval of Recommendation 6 will allow DPH to pass through funds to the City of Long Beach and to the City of Pasadena, which will be provided as part of the CDC's forthcoming NCA U90/CCU917012-08 and will be determined by CDC. Approval of Recommendation 7 will allow DPH to fund contractual activities 100 percent offset by the CDC's NCA U90/CCU917012-08.

Funding is included in DPH's Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08 Adopted Budget and will be requested in future FYs, as necessary. There will be no net County cost associated with this action.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On October 9, 2001, the Board approved a motion directing the Department of Health Services (DHS) to take steps to ensure its ability to respond quickly and appropriately to any acts of bioterrorism.

On June 20, 2006, the Board authorized DHS to execute an agreement with the State of California for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness in the amount of \$753,430. On November 21, 2006, the Board delegated authority to the Director of DPH to accept State funding for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Phase II, in the amount of \$1,125,168 for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, and \$381,673 for the term of July 1, 2007 through August 30, 2007, subject to approval by County Counsel.

On August 29, 2006, the Board authorized the Director of DPH, or his designee, to accept forthcoming NCA U90/CCU917012-07. Additionally, the Board delegated the authority to accept subsequent amendments up to an amount not to exceed 25 percent of the NCA.

On November 21, 2006, the Board delegated authority to DPH to accept Amendment 1 to CDC's NCA U90/CCU917012-07 and delegated authority to the Director, or his designee, to accept any subsequent amendments to this NCA up to 25 percent of the total amount of the NCA for the period of August 31, 2006 through August 30, 2007, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and Chief Administrative Office, and notification of Board offices. Under this delegated authority, DPH has accepted Amendments 2 through 6, which have increased the total amount of the 2006-2007 award to \$37,427,078. The acceptance of any future amendments to NCA U90/CCU917012-07 will result in DPH exceeding the previously approved 25 percent delegated authority, which is why DPH is returning to the Board requesting delegated authority to accept these funds.

Cities

The agreement with the Cities are entered into by the County to comply with CDC's requirements for bioterrorism preparedness and to allow for the pass through of CDC funds to the Cities included in the County's overall allocation.

On October 15, 2002, and December 17, 2002, the Board approved the sole source agreements with the City of Long Beach in the amount of \$1,115,094 and the City of Pasadena in the amount of \$323,606, respectively. The Board action of November 21, 2006, allowed the Cities to receive additional funding in the amount of \$339,263 for the City of Long Beach and \$98,456 for the City of Pasadena.

It is expected that the County will receive additional funding from the forthcoming CDC award and a portion of the funds received will be passed through to the Cities, as determined by the CDC.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of these actions will provide for the effective and timely implementation of activities related to preparing for and responding to bioterrorism preparedness and response (including Pandemic Influenza preparedness and response) in Los Angeles County. The additional funds support overall preparedness efforts. Items currently identified to be funded by CDC's new monies include, but are not limited to: chemical lab expansion, Point of Dispensing (POD) site assessments and exercises (PODs are sites throughout the county where medication/services will be distributed in case of emergency), radiation equipment and supplies, public awareness campaign, information technology support, and relocation of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Program. If the recommended actions are not approved, DPH would not be able to accept CDC's funding nor be able to implement activities to immediately provide response to detect investigate, and mitigate the efforts of outbreaks of illnesses that may result from acts of terrorism involving biological agents.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,



DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Executive Officer

DEJ: SRH:SAS
DJ:RM:bjs

Attachments (2)

c: County Counsel
Director and Health Officer, Department of Public Health

SUMMARY OF AGREEMENT

APPROVAL OF FEDERAL AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA FUNDING FOR BIOTERRORISM PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE AND OTHER RELATED ISSUES

1. TYPE OF SERVICE:
Enhance the capacity of the Department of Public Health to prepare and respond to bioterrorism attacks and any other public health threats in Los Angeles County.
2. TERM OF GRANT AWARD:
The term of the forthcoming CDC's NCA U90/CCU917012-08 and CDHS' award is August 31, 2007 through August 30, 2008.
3. AGENCY ADDRESS AND CONTACT PERSON:

Center for Disease Control and Prevention
Procurement and Grants Office
2920 Brandywine Road, Suite 3000, Mailstop K-69
Atlanta, Georgia 30341-4146
Attention: Angela Webb, Grants Management Specialist
Telephone: (770) 488-2784. Facsimile (FAX) (770) 488-2670
Electronic mail (e-mail): aqw6@cdc.gov

California Department of Health Services
Emergency Preparedness Office
1615 Capitol Avenue, MS 7002 – PO Box 997413
Sacramento, California 95899-7413
Attention: Terri Gil, EPO Project Office
Telephone: (916) 440-7154 Facsimile: (916) 650-6420
Electronic mail (e-mail): tgill@dhs.ca.gov
4. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

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5. GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO BE SERVED:

Countywide.

6. ACCOUNTABLE FOR MONITORING:

Jonathan Freedman, Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response Program.

7. APPROVALS:

Public Health: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H., Director of Public Health and Health Officer

Contracts and Grants Division: Gary T. Izumi, Chief

County Counsel (approval as to use) Robert E. Ragland, Senior Deputy County Counsel

BIOTERRORISM PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM FY 2007-2008

POSITIONS IN EXCESS OF WHAT IS CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH STAFFING ORDINANCE
(SECTION 6.06.020 OF THE COUNTY CODE)

Total of eight (8) Items

Base Grant:	Total
Disaster Services Planning Assistant (Emergency Preparedness and Response Program - SNS)	1
Information Systems Manager I (PHIS)	1
Research Analyst III (Emergency Preparedness and Response Programs – Policy and Planning Section)	1
Senior Staff Analyst, Health (Contracts and Grants)	1
Senior Staff Analyst, Health (Emergency Preparedness and Response Programs - Policy and Planning Section)	1
Senior Staff Analyst, Health (Public Health Laboratory)	1
Senior Staff Analyst, Health (Emergency Preparedness and Response Programs – Director of Operations)	1
Senior Typist Clerk (Public Health Laboratory)	1