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February 3, 2009

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:

APPROVAL OF BUDGET APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT TO INCREASE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION'S SERVICES AND SUPPLIES AND FIXED ASSETS APPROPRIATIONS FOR HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(4 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Request approval of a budget appropriation adjustment to increase the Department of Health Services (DHS) Health Services Administration's (HSA) Services and Supplies (S&S) and Fixed Assets appropriations.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the attached budget appropriation adjustment to recognize funding from the United States Department of Health and Human Services' (USDHHS) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09 in the amount of $7,664,000 for S&S ($7,564,000) and Fixed Assets ($100,000).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended action will enable DHS to increase its FY 2008-09 S&S and Fixed Assets appropriations to fund programs that enhance the healthcare community's ability to respond to natural and man-made disasters through participation in the USDHHS' Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP). The funding provided through the USDHHS' HPP Grant is used to build medical surge capacity with local hospitals and other healthcare partners through associated planning, personnel, equipment, training and exercise capabilities.

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Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action supports Goal 1, Service Excellence, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The HPP is 100 percent funded by grant funds provided by the USDHHS. There is no cost to the County.

The Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 HPP grant funding awarded to DHS is $12,555,757 and the grant period is August 9, 2008 through August 8, 2009 with an expected one-year no-cost extension to August 8, 2010. The requested $7,664,000 appropriation adjustment is the estimated amount of the grant to be expended and collected in FY 2008-09 to continue DHS' efforts to ensure that area hospitals are fully prepared to deliver coordinated and effective care to victims of terrorism and other public health emergencies, such as pandemic influenza. The balance of the FFY 2008 grant funding of $4,891,757 will be used to maintain these programs and will be included in future fiscal year budget requests.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On September 3, 2002, your Board approved and accepted Los Angeles County's first apportionment of grant funds for the National Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Program (NBHPP), designated for hospital terrorism preparedness program activities. Funding to the County for this purpose has continued in subsequent years.

On December 18, 2007, your Board accepted funding in the amount of $13,111,395, for continued participation in the HPP for the period effective September 2007 through August 2008, and delegated authority to DHS to accept future grant awards through August 8, 2012 and the expected one year no cost extension to August 2013, and continue to work with healthcare providers (new and existing participants in the HPP, including acute care hospitals, clinics and other healthcare entities, to negotiate and execute agreements and amendments to existing agreements, effective January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, and thereafter on a year-to-year basis, each year that a HPP award is received, through August 31, 2013. Under this delegated authority and subsequent to receiving USDHHS' Notice of Grant Award for FFY 2008, DHS has executed agreements and amendments with 80 participants in the HPP for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

In 2007, the NHPP was renamed the HPP and was reauthorized for another five years by Section 2802 of the Public Health Services Act, as amended by the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (Public Law 107-188) authorizing the Secretary of

USDHHS to award cooperative agreements to improve surge capacity and enhance community and hospital preparedness. Each year the federal government appropriates funds for the HPP during their budgeting process. Funding for the FFY 2008 awards is provided by the Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007 (Public Law 110-5). Los Angeles County continues to be one of four metropolitan jurisdictional areas that are direct recipients of these grant funds.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of this action will allow the utilization of HPP grant funding to continue to enhance the healthcare community's ability to prepare, respond and recover from disasters by building medical surge capacity through associated planning, personnel, equipment, training and exercise capabilities.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Interim Director

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Attachment

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

request for appropriation adjustment

Dept's. No. 110

department of Health Services

December 31 2008

Auditor-Controller.

the following appropriation adjustment is deemed necessary by this department. will you please report as to accounting and available balances and forward to the Chief Executive Officer for his recommendation or action.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2008-09

4/3 - VOTES

SOURCES		USES	
HS-Health Services Administration A01-HS-90-9001-20000 Federal Other Increase Revenue	$7,664,000	HS-Health Services Administration A01-HS-2000-20000 Services & Supplies Increase Appropriation	$7,564,000
		A01-HS-6000-20000 Fixed Assets-EQUIPMENT Increase Appropriation	100,000
Total	$7,664,000	Total	$7,664,000

JUSTIFICATION

To reflect the increase in grant revenue estimated to be collected based on expenditure estimated to be incurred in FY 2008-09, as a result of acceptance of the Federal Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Year 7 Grant per delegated authorithy granted to the Director of Health Services by the Board of Supervisors on December 18, 2007. The total Year 7 Grant amount is $12,555,727 which will be fully expended by Fiscal Year 2010-11. The balance of the grant will be included in the budget requests for future years.

Mela Guerrero, Controller (DHS Controller's Div.)

Chief Executive Officer's Report

ADOPTED
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Referred to the Chief Executive Officer for --- action

Recommendation

Approved as Requested

as Revised

Jan. 12, 20 09

Chief Executive Officer

auditor-controller by Karen Shikuma

no. 111

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approved (as revised): board of supervisors

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by

deputy county clerk

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