



# County of Santa Cruz

## HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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### HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY ADMINISTRATION

February 20, 2002

**AGENDA: March 5, 2002**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**Re: Approval of Immunization Assistance Program Collaborative Grant Renewal**

Dear Members of the Board:

The Health Services Agency (HSA) requests your Board's approval to submit a collaborative grant application to the California Department of Health Services (DHS) Immunization Branch for a maximum amount of \$350,000 to support the HSA Immunization Assistance Program. The grant proposal is a collaborative project that requests funding to support the current Santa Cruz County All Kids by Two Immunization Coalition and to supplement efforts to immunize high risk infants and toddlers. The grant application is due to the State on March 7, 2002.

The HSA Immunization Assistance Program has been awarded funds through a competitive grant award process from the DHS Immunization Branch since 1995. Our current agreement ends June 30, 2002. The development process for the new Request for Proposal issued by DHS is a collaborative grant application that involves many agencies in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. The collaborative program is proposed to include: the Santa Cruz County All Kids by Two Immunization Coalition, whose purpose is to improve immunization levels among pre-school age children; information, education, and training services; the Vaccinate Every Newborn Under the Sun (VENUS) Project through the Women Infants and Children (WIC) Program; and intensive outreach efforts to immunize high risk infants and toddlers.

At this time, comprehensive efforts to complete the necessary development process for the collaborative grant application are underway; but have not been finalized. HSA anticipates that the final grant application will be similar to those developed in previous years. HSA requests authorization to submit the grant application, if relatively similar to previous years and return a final copy of the application to your Board once it has been submitted to the State. Since this is an on-going program, no additional County funds will be needed or requested if the grant application is funded.

It is, therefore, **RECOMMENDED** that your Board:

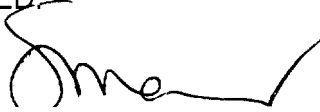
1. Authorize the Health Services Agency to submit a collaborative grant application to the California Department of Health Services Immunization Branch for a maximum amount of \$350,000 to support the HSA Immunization Assistance Program.

Sincerely,



Rama Khalsa, Ph.D.  
Health Services Administrator

RECOMMENDED:



Susan A. Mauriello  
County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Office  
Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel  
HSA Administration  
Public Health Administration