

County of Santa Cruz



HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY
ADMINISTRATION

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February 22, 2002

AGENDA: March 12, 2002

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

**Re: Adopt Resolution Accepting Unanticipated Revenue for Public Health
Bioterrorism Prevention and Response**

Dear Members of the Board:

On October 23, 2001, your Board adopted a resolution supporting public health funding for bioterrorism response. The Health Services Agency (HSA) is pleased to announce that we have received an augmentation of State Public Health Subvention (SPHS) funds for a total FY 2001/02 allocation of \$56,783. The SPHS funds are intended to promote the provision of necessary public health services, including the enhancement of bioterrorism prevention and response capabilities of local health jurisdictions. The 2001/02 HSA budget had originally anticipated \$27,087 in SPHS revenue. Attached is a resolution to accept and appropriate the additional \$29,696 in unanticipated revenue in 2001/02 and to redirect the original allocation for a total of \$56,783 in funding for public health bioterrorism prevention and response.

As you will recall, on October 16, 2001, the County Health Officer, Dr. David McNutt, spoke to your Board regarding the local, state and national response to bioterrorism since the September 11, 2001 attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C. During his presentation, Dr. McNutt referred to the lack of adequate resources in basic public health infrastructure. Dr. McNutt also reported to your Board the various incidents coming to the attention of first responders in Santa Cruz, which had drawn heavily on the local resources. The one-time SPHS funding allocation of \$56,783 will be utilized entirely to help meet the first phase of our bioterrorism/disaster response needs. Future funding possibilities have been improved by a recent increase in the availability of federal funds related to bioterrorism concerns and activities at the federal, state and local level.

The Disaster Council has been involved in considering our local response capabilities and improvements needed. That body will continue to be actively involved in helping to refine the County's Disaster Plan for bioterrorism and to recommend priorities for funding as new resources become available.

A Public Health First Responders side-committee from the Disaster Council was convened to enumerate and help prioritize funding needs under the SPHS funding guidelines. This group included the Scott's Valley Fire Chief and HazMat field personnel, the County's Emergency Services Administrator, the Director of Environmental Health and the Health Officer. HSA then developed the list of response enhancements based on the priority list from this side-committee and in compliance with the state's guidelines for use of the subvention funds.

The major intended uses for the SPHS funding for 2001/02 are outlined in Attachment A. HSA must submit a plan for the major intended uses of the SPHS funds to the State Department of Health Services by March 15, 2002. HSA concurs with the intended uses recognized as having the highest local priority are listed below along with their corresponding expenditures identified by components:

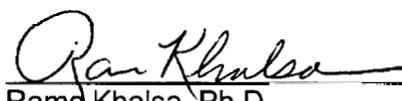
- **Enhance and support surveillance, epidemiology, and information or communication, and information or communication systems.** Enhancements of the electronic communication system for public health bioterrorism/disaster response include the fixed asset purchase of a base radio for the County Environmental Health hazardous materials team's response van (\$1,500) and the replacement of the Hospital Emergency Administrative Radio Network (HEARNet) radio for Emergency Medical Services (\$7,600). Further enhancements that will increase the efficiency of our electronic communication system include the purchase of facsimile machines for Environmental Health, Disease Control, and Emergency Medical Services (\$5,175) and the addition of cell phones and service for first responders (\$2,040).
- **Train public health staff and first responders in recognizing symptoms, treatment protocols, and prophylaxis involving bioterrorism agents.** The training issues include bioterrorism training for first responders (\$5,000), software training in Access (\$2,500), update and reprinting of the Essential Public Health Reporting Guidelines for Santa Cruz County which includes new agents of bioterrorism as well as other reporting requirements and management guidelines for reportable diseases and conditions (\$3,000), the fixed asset purchase of a portable digital projector and laptop computer training system (\$6,400), and the purchase of various training materials and supplies (\$3,068).
- **Purchase medical equipment and mobile contamination units or fully equipped mobile vehicles for deployment during an emergency.** The equipment needs include the fixed asset purchase of an upgrade to the biological safety cabinet (\$8,000) located at the HSA laboratory for the containment of pathogens and a unisex decontamination shower (\$12,000) for use by the hazardous materials team, and the purchase of disposable clothing packets (\$500) for individuals following decontamination in the field.

The State Public Health Subvention Program funding for public health bioterrorism prevention and response will assist our community in the realization of its goal to prevent the spread of disease and save as many lives as possible. The enhanced electronic communication system, training and equipment components for our bioterrorism/disaster response program will complement and work in tandem with our on-going efforts to rapidly detect and effectively respond to serious public health threats.

It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Authorize the Health Services Agency to submit the County of Santa Cruz's intended uses of the State Public Health Subvention Fund allocation to the State Department of Health Services by March 15, 2002; and
2. Adopt the attached resolution accepting and appropriating \$29,696 in unanticipated revenue for public health bioterrorism prevention and response; and
3. Approve the fixed asset purchase of a base radio (\$1,500), HEARNet Radio (\$7,600), portable digital projector and laptop computer training system (\$6,400), upgrade to biological safety cabinet (\$8,000) and decontamination shower (\$12,000).

Sincerely,



Rama Khalsa, Ph.D.
Health Services Administrator

RECOMMENDED:



Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

Attachment: AUD-60

cc: County Administrative Office
County Counsel
HSA Administration
Public Health Administration

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

On the motion of Supervisor _____
duly seconded by Supervisor _____
the following resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING UNANTICIPATED REVENUE

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz is a recipient of funds from State Dept. of Health Services for Public Health Bioterrorism/Disaster Response program; and

WHEREAS, the County is recipient of funds in the amount of \$ 29,696 which are either in excess of those anticipated or are not specifically set forth in the current fiscal year budget of the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 29130(c)/29064(b), such funds may be made available for specific appropriation by a four-fifths vote of the Board of Supervisors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Santa Cruz County Auditor-Controller accept funds in the amount of \$ 29,696 into

Department Health Services Agency - Public Health

<u>T/C</u>	<u>Index Number</u>	<u>Revenue Subobject Number</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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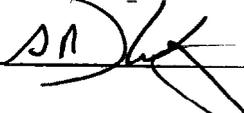
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and that such funds be and are hereby appropriated as follows:

<u>T/C</u>	<u>Index Number</u>	<u>Expenditure Subobject Number</u>	<u>PRJ/UCD</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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see attached

DEPARTMENT HEAD I hereby certify that the fiscal provisions have been researched and that the Revenue(s) (has been) (will be) received within the current fiscal year.

By  Department Head

Date 3/1/2

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Recommended to Board

Not Recommended to Board

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this _____ day of _____ 19____ by the following vote (requires four-fifths vote for approval):

AYES : SUPERVISORS

NOES : SUPERVISORS

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

Chairperson of the Board

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]

County Counsel

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING DETAIL:

(K) Crayon

Auditor-Controller 03/04/02

Distribution:

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- County Administrative Officer
- Originating Department

**HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY
AUD-60 ATTACHMENT
PUBLIC HEALTH - BIOTERRORISM RESPONSE**

FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002

REVENUES:

<u>T/C</u>	<u>Index Number</u>	<u>Revenue Subobject Number</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001	362100	574	ST AID-HEALTHADMIN	\$ 29,696
Total				\$ <u>29,696</u>

APPROPRIATIONS:

<u>T/C</u>	<u>Index Number</u>	<u>Expenditure Subobject Number</u>	<u>PRJ/UCD</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
022	362100	3432		OTHER MED MATERIAL & SUPPLIES	-6,000
021	362100	3451		MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	500
021	362100	3484		DUPLICATING	3,000
022	362100	3665		PROF & SPECIAL	-10,000
022	362100	3975		SPECIAL DEPTL EXPENSE	-3,872
021	362100	4110		SUBSCRIPT, BOOKS & EDUC MATERIALS	3,068
021	362100	4154		EDUCATION & TRAINING	2,500
021	362100	5191		CONTRIB TO OTHER AGENCIES	5,000
021	362100	8404		FIXED ASSETS - EQUIPMENT	35,500
Total					\$ <u>29,696</u>

**STATE PUBLIC HEALTH SUBVENTION (SPHS) PROGRAM
INTENDED USE OF FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2001- 02**

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Instructions:

Please use the enclosed form to describe the major intended uses of the SPHS funds including estimated expenditures. These funds can be utilized for communicable and infectious disease control, public health activities (including biological and chemical public health related activities). The funds may be used to:

- Enhance and support surveillance, epidemiology, and information or communication systems.
- Train public health staff and first responders in recognizing symptoms, treatment protocols, and prophylaxis involving bioterrorism agents.
- Establish protocols and procedures.
- Develop plans for response, continuous testing, evaluation and/or disbursement of information.
- Conduct response readiness and risk assessments through coordinated tabletop exercises.
- Purchase mobile contamination units or fully equipped mobile vehicles for deployment during an emergency.
- Secure fully operational stand-by medical facilities, temporary housing, and stockpile vaccines/medical supplies and equipment.
- Secure mental health services for deployment to incident sites.
- Ensure the safety and security of public water facilities.
- Coordinate activities with the local and federal law enforcement agencies.
- Other activities allowed pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Section 101230.

Please return the request for information by **March 15,2002**, to the following address:

Department of Health Services
Office of County Health Services
Attention: County Health Services Unit
1800 Third Street, Room 100
P.O. Box 942732
Sacramento, CA 94234-7320