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SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM

DATE: March 14, 2023

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

ACCEPTANCE OF STATE FUNDING FOR SAN YSIDRO HEALTH RURAL MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

Following the enactment of Assembly Bill 178, the Budget Act of 2022, California Department of Public Health officials contacted District 2 to coordinate the distribution of a \$500,000 appropriation included in this legislation to fund the purchase of a San Ysidro Health Rural Mobile Unit. As the County legally serves as the fiscal passthrough for local appropriations budgeted from the State of California, the Chief Administrative Officer sent a letter to the State on February 15, 2023, to confirm the County will accept this funding and distribute these funds to San Ysidro Health.

The funding will be used to purchase a vehicle that will serve as a rural mobile medical clinic. It will be equipped with two private medical exam rooms, a bathroom for specimen collection, an intake area, a workspace for laboratory procedures, and other essential equipment. With only two Federally Qualified Health Centers operating health and clinic sites in the second supervisorial district's unincorporated communities, resources such as those provided through mobile medical clinics are scarce. The purchase and deployment of this mobile unit will increase access to healthcare for back country residents.

I recommend that the Board direct County staff to take the actions necessary to accept and disburse the funding designated for the County of San Diego, District 2 for San Ysidro Health.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

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1. Authorize the acceptance of \$500,000 in funds from the State of California, Department of Public Health.
2. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to execute all required funding documents and agreements, including any annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.

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3. Establish appropriations of \$500,000 in the Finance and General Government Group Executive Office (Org 32162), Services & Supplies, to provide these funds to San Ysidro Health based on unanticipated revenue from the State of California. **(4 VOTES)**
4. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, upon successful negotiations, to execute a grant agreement with San Ysidro Health, and to amend the agreement as necessary.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

In an effort to address unmet healthcare needs in underserved communities, the California State Legislature allocated project-specific funding to enhance investments in programs that serve community members living in San Diego’s unincorporated area. The recommended actions will expand opportunities and access to healthcare for back country residents.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommended actions will reduce disparities that currently exist between urban and rural populations by ensuring healthcare access for all through a fully optimized health and social service delivery system.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of \$500,000 in Fiscal Year 2022-23. The funding source is the State of California. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

N/A

BACKGROUND

San Diego County’s Mountain Empire region encompasses approximately 950 square miles of geographically isolated communities in the second supervisorial district and includes communities such as Campo, Boulevard, Guatay, Descanso, and Pine Valley. Health services in this area are limited, with only two Federally Qualified Health Centers that operate clinic sites. San Ysidro Health’s Mountain Health Family Medicine clinic is a 23,500 square-foot facility, providing medical, dental, and behavioral health services for local residents. This site serves as the primary provider and medical facility in the back country region. Unfortunately, there are many community members who live long distances from this site or have difficulties getting to and from the facility.

San Ysidro Health’s rural mobile unit project will address service gaps via the delivery of mobile clinic services throughout the back country region, benefitting vulnerable populations such as seniors who have physical mobility challenges and those who have transportation barriers. A mobile medical unit would allow for expanded opportunities for upstream, preventive healthcare and chronic disease management. In addition, the mobile unit will have capacity to provide

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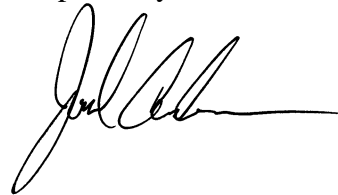
healthcare services for all ages, including: immunizations, school and sports physicals, medication filling, minor screenings, pregnancy tests, and hemoglobin tests.

Through the advocacy of State legislators, and other stakeholders, the FY 22-23 State Budget included an appropriation of \$500,000 to cover the purchase and customization of a mobile unit, which will be retrofitted into a “medical clinic on wheels.” This vehicle will be equipped with two private medical exam rooms, a bathroom for specimen collection, an intake area, and work area for laboratory procedures. Funds from this appropriation will also cover the purchase of needed medical equipment and information technology set-up. The recommended actions will allow the County to serve as the local fiscal agency to accept and distribute this funding to San Ysidro Health.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

Today’s proposed actions support the Community Initiative in the County of San Diego’s 2023-2028 Strategic Plan by facilitating the funding that will provide programs that enhance our community, and by maximizing resources through partnerships that benefit residents of the unincorporated area.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENT(S)

N/A