

January 31, 2006

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health requests execution of a one-year grant agreement with the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation in the amount of \$25,000 to develop a pilot project offering a new model of group prenatal care. (Unanticipated Revenue) (New).

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the President to execute one-time, one-year grant from March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation in the amount of \$25,000.
2. Authorize your Board to approve the following budget allocations for FY 05-06 in Budget Center 582:

Increase	582	1004	Extra-Hire	\$6,000
Increase	582	2263	Special Fund	\$9,000
Increase	582	9774	Oth Misc Income	\$15,000

SUMMARY: The March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, California Chapter, has awarded the County of Marin a one-time grant in the amount of \$25,000 to develop a pilot project of offering a new model of group prenatal care, "Centering Pregnancy", at the Division of Public Health Women's Health Services facility at Montecito Plaza. It is expected that \$15,000 of those funds will be expended in the remainder of FY2005-2006, and the balance in FY2006-2007.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS:

These funds will be used to create a group-centered prenatal program for low-income Marin County women. This program will offer enhanced educational content, improve prenatal care utilization, and improve birth outcomes for low-income women. This model will allow Women's Health Services to establish an ongoing model of care that will provide vital skills and social support for women at risk for poor birth outcomes, and to optimize healthy pregnancies and births.

Fiscal Impact: There is no increase in net County cost.

Reviewed By:	Auditor Controller	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	County Counsel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Human Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Respectfully Submitted,

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Director of Health and Human Services