February 14, 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 approval of Local Funding Agreement with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in the amount of $270, 959 for the period September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2006. (Renewal)

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION:
1. Authorize the President to sign a Local Funding Agreement with the California Department of Health Services for the HRSA Grant to improve the capacity of hospitals, clinics and the Emergency Medical System in Marin County to address emergencies, including those associated with bioterrorist threats.

2. Recognize the following revenues and expenditures:
    544 9456 $270,959
    544 1005 $54,907
    544-2263 $35,232
    544 2389 $180,820

SUMMARY: In order to expand the capacity of local governments to respond to bioterrorist and other medical emergencies, the Federal government has provided grants to be administered by states. The California Department of Health Services has authorized applications from counties for funding over the past three years. A coalition of local hospitals, clinics, and the EMS system have participated in the development of the Marin applications, with the County of Marin serving as the fiscal agent. A complete copy of the Agreement may be obtained in the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Office.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT: The grant provides for equipment, training and other services directly to the hospitals, clinics and EMS system in the County of Marin, allowing for expansion of the County's ability to respond to health care disasters.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no increase in net County cost. While the grant is effective September 1, 2005, the contract was not received by Marin County HHS until February 7, 2006..

REVIEWED BY: Auditor Controller   [ ]   N/A   [X]
                        Human Resources   [ ]   N/A   [X]
                        County Counsel   [ ]   N/A   [X]

Respectfully submitted,

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