

September 19, 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 FY 06/07 grant agreement with the San Diego State University Research Foundation California Kids' Plates Program in the amount of \$3,000 to purchase and distribute car seats to low-income families. (Unanticipated Revenue) (New).

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize President to execute FY 06/07 grant agreement with the San Diego State University Research Foundation in the amount of \$3,000.
2. Authorize your Board to approve the following budget adjustment for FY 06-07 in Community Health and Prevention Fund Center 1000113000.

Increase	1000113000-5220800	Misc. Supplies	\$3,000
Increase	1000113000-4710631	Misc-Contract Revenue	\$3,000

SUMMARY: The San Diego State University Research Foundation California Kids' Plates Program has awarded the County of Marin a one-time grant in the amount of \$3,000 to purchase and distribute child safety seats to low-income families in Marin County; to promote child passenger safety by educating parents; and to provide expert car seat installation assistance. This grant will enable 50 low-income families to receive convertible car seats and 28 low-income families to receive booster seats. The program will focus on Women's Health Services Clinic clients; the Clinic is the primary provider of prenatal care to low-income women in Marin County. Clients will attend a one-hour child passenger safety class in order to learn what kind of car seats to use depending on the age and weight of the child, why it is important that children are always in the appropriate car seat, and how to correctly install the car seat. After completion of the course, participants are offered free and low-cost car seats. Additional installation help is available to those who need it.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS:

Motor vehicle accidents are among the top five causes of both fatal and non-fatal injuries in young children. California Highway Patrol data indicate that from 2001-2003 there were 43 children 0-5 injured in motor vehicle accidents in Marin County. Car seats can be prohibitively expensive for low-income families. The distribution of high-quality seats along with education on proper installation and use will help protect this vulnerable population from preventable injuries and fatalities.

Fiscal Impact: There is no increase in net County cost. Funds must be expended by June 30, 2007.

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

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