
STAFF MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Board of Directors, Harbor Community Benefit Foundation
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Subject: REVISED: Agenda Item No. 5: Health Care Grant Program: Grant Agreement between LA Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor UCLA Medical Center & HCBF for renovations at the Wilmington Health Center

BACKGROUND

The BOHC and TraPac Appellants identified Project C of Exhibit A of the TraPac MOU, as projects that mitigate impacts attributable to Port and Port-related operations. The language of Project C reads:

“Provide funds to local clinics, other health service providers, and other organizations aimed at addressing health impacts from air pollution stemming from port operations.”

Project C of Exhibit A, is intended to mitigate health impacts from air pollution generated from Port or Port-related operations.

On February 23, 2012 the HCBF Board of Directors, by majority vote, approved the selection of four Grantees as first round recipients of the HCBF Health Care Grant Program, for a grand total of \$350,000. Grant Agreements for three of the grantees, prepared by Public Counsel, were completed and approved on the same date for a combined total of \$146,908. Staff was directed to engage counsel to draft a Grant Agreement for the fourth grantee, Wilmington Health Center in the amount of \$172,500, plus a contingency in the amount of \$30,592, for final approval by the Board. Jenkins & Hogin, LLP prepared the enclosed Grant Agreement.

DISCUSSION

To address the health impacts caused by air pollution attributable to Port and Port-related operations, in the fall of 2011 HCBF issued a Request for Proposals for the HCBF Health Care Grant Program. Applicants were required to serve the community of Wilmington, in one or more areas: 1) Diagnosis/Treatment, 2) Medical Supplies/Pharmaceuticals, and/or 3) Education/Outreach.

In the first round, the Board of HCBF authorized up to \$500,000 in funding. Staff received applications totaling \$1.2 million. An ad hoc committee reviewed the submitted applications and selected four (4) health care organizations based on qualifications and collaborative ability to serve residents of Wilmington: 1) Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma (LBACA), 2) Tzu Chi Medical Foundation, 3) The Children’s Clinic and 4) The Wilmington Health Center (WHC).

The draft agreement now before the Board is for the last grantee (WHC) who was selected to provide Diagnosis and Treatment. WHC will renovate its medical facility to add a primary care pulmonology clinic. The new clinic will provide pulmonary health care to mitigate harm from air pollution in the community of Wilmington, which is significantly impacted by Port-related operations. It will provide diagnosis, treatment and case management for Wilmington area patients suffering from air pollution-related illnesses such as asthma. This mitigation project is a partnership between HCBF and WHC, in which HCBF will provide \$172,500 of project cost, while WHC will contribute \$110,000, for a total project cost of \$282,500. The proposed scope of work for the grant is included in the draft Grant Agreement as Exhibit B-1.

HCBF staff has determined 1) the projects conform to the requirements of the TraPac MOU, 2) the work is located in Wilmington, 3) the projects are appropriate mitigation measures, and 4) the budget and schedule for funding from the PCMTF are appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

Board resolve to 1) approve a Grant Agreement, in substantial form, between LA Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and HCBF, in the amount of \$172,500, for renovations at the Wilmington Health Center, to open a pulmonology clinic; and \$30,592 as a contingency if HCBF determines that additional funds are needed under this contract to complete the scope of work, and 2) authorize staff to request approval from BOHC for a disbursement from the PCMTF in an amount not to exceed \$203,092, for completion of the project.

ATTACHMENT: Grant Agreement for LA Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor UCLA Medical Center