

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: August 17, 2009

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH SANOFI PASTEUR TO ACQUIRE VACCINES FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the issuance of a Purchase Order Contract to Sanofi Pasteur for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 not to exceed \$86,000 for the purchase of vaccines for the Health Department's Immunization Clinic. Competitive Bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(C), contracts for labor, materials, supplies or services available from only one vendor.

BACKGROUND:

The Pasadena Public Health Department's (PPHD) Immunization Clinic provides immunizations and information to protect children and adults from infectious diseases (e.g. influenza, hepatitis A, malaria, typhoid, etc.). The Immunization Clinic administers standard childhood and adult vaccines and is also the only public health clinic in Los Angeles County to offer a broad range of travel immunizations recommended for numerous countries around the world. Sanofi Pasteur pharmaceutical company is the only producer and distributor of only producer and distributor of Diphtheria Tetanus, Yellow Fever, Typhim VI, Meningococcal, Japanese Encephalitis, Pertussis/Tetanus/Diptheria, Purified Protein Derivative, and Polio vaccines and is also the distributor for Rabies vaccine.

For routine childhood and adult vaccines, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates a cost saving to society of \$18.40 for every \$1 dollar spent, making vaccinations an integral part of the Public Health Department's goals of reducing preventable illness and controlling health related costs. In addition, PPHD is one of the few providers of travel immunizations in the community, and offers travel vaccines at competitive pricing compared to private providers. Customers of the Immunization Clinic pay fees ranging from \$15 to \$435. Fees for travel immunizations are set to cover the full cost of the various immunizations, staff time associated with administering those vaccines and operating the clinic activities related to travel vaccines. Consequently, operation of the travel vaccine program is not a burden on the Health Fund or the General Fund. During FY 2009, over 4,900 immunizations were administered to 4,970 clients.

PPHD's Immunization Clinic continues its outreach campaign to increase awareness about the importance of immunizations to reduce the risk of acquiring preventable diseases. The campaign also promotes the availability of this community service by the Public Health Department on a walk-in, non-appointment basis.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated revenues and appropriations for this program have been included in the Public Health Department's FY 2010 Disease Prevention and Control Division budget. The projected annual cost for the vaccines is \$86,000; however actual cost will be a function of demand. Operational costs, including allocated overhead, associated with this travel vaccine program are estimated not to exceed \$104,000. Projected revenue, which reflects recovering the cost of vaccines and administration, is estimated at \$190,000 in the current fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

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