

Agenda Report

DATE: April 27, 2015

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Public Health Department

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACCREDITATION WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION BOARD (PHAB)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), the General Rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to submit an application and seek Public Health Department Accreditation with the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).

BACKGROUND:

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving and protecting the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of Tribal, state, local, and territorial public health departments and serves as the authoritative body charged with administering the national public health accreditation program.

PHAB's public health department accreditation process seeks to advance quality and performance within public health departments. Accreditation standards define the expectations for all public health departments that seek to become accredited. National public health department accreditation has been developed to address a national imperative to improve service, value, and accountability to stakeholders.

The accreditation process provides a framework for the Pasadena Public Health Department to improve performance, management, leadership, and relationships with

the community. The Department will assess current operations, learn about best practices, and seek improvements using the criteria established by the process. A 2013 evaluation survey of 33 Health Departments conducted by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) found that 97 percent of the 62 accredited health departments surveyed strongly agreed that "Going through the accreditation process improved the performance of our health department".

In addition to anticipated gains in performance, there is a general view in the public health field that PHAB accreditation may become required *bona fides* for grant funders seeking to establish minimum criteria to determine which organizations they will fund. Becoming an accredited public health department will allow PPHD to establish itself as a leader in the public health field and position itself for any grant opportunity that becomes available.

As part of the application process, the Department is required to provide evidence that the City Council supports the pursuit of PHAB accreditation. Approval of the recommendations detailed in this staff report satisfies the application requirement.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This action by City Council aligns with the City Council's Strategic Plan goal to maintain financial responsibility and stability and ensure public safety.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The projected cost for the accreditation application is \$28,000. The Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) grant from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) includes \$14,100 as recognized and appropriated by City Council in December 2014 for the express and restricted purpose of funding the accreditation application. The application fee for public health accreditation will be allocated to CDC REACH Program Account# 8114-203-565725 and the remaining \$13,900 will be allocated to Health Administration Account# 8114-203-561000.

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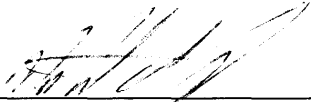
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