



**Health and Human Services
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: July 7, 2020

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Staci Chastain PHONE: 559-624-8480		

SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with Essential Access Health

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Essential Access Health to accept funding in the amount of \$160,000 to provide Title X family planning services through the Essential Access program, retroactive from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. This agreement is retroactive due to the delay in receiving a written agreement from Essential Access. It was impractical for the Board to take action prior to April 1, 2020 due to the time needed to process, prepare, and submit the agenda item.
2. Find that the Board had authority to enter the proposed agreement as of April 1, 2020 and that it is in the County's best interest to enter the agreement on that date.
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign three (3) copies of the agreement and the Assurance of Compliance.

SUMMARY:

The Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency - Public Health Branch recognizes the value of comprehensive family planning and related preventive services. The unmet need for these services tends to be higher in rural, less educated, and poorer households. These characteristics are present in a significant portion of Tulare County's population and are well documented in the Tulare County 2017 Community Health Assessment (CHA). Tulare County Public Health programs provide family planning services and education to schools and the community which

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includes comprehensive reproductive health education, information on Family PACT and its eligibility criteria, birth control alternatives, and the risks of Sexually Transmitted Infections/Sexually Transmitted Diseases. The need for, and the benefits of, providing family planning services are clear. Per Healthy People 2020, 20% of all unintended pregnancies occur among teenage mothers who are less likely to graduate high school and earn on average of \$3,500 less annually. An analysis conducted by the National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) shows that family planning services are effective in the decline of unintended pregnancies.

The Essential Access Title X Program will provide support for high-quality, voluntary family planning and related health services for both men and women, with priority given to low-income residents of Tulare County. The Essential Access Title X Program aims to improve the quality of family planning services and increase the number of users accessing family planning services through quality care delivery and outreach to the community. This will be accomplished by providing information and services that are tailored to meet the unique needs of the individual and prioritizes the overall health and well-being of clients seeking family planning services. It is anticipated that the Essential Access Title X Program will provide services to 1,962 residents of Tulare County.

Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency previously received the grant for the period of October 1, 2018 through March 31, 2020. During the calendar year of 2020 the program conducted outreach and provided information about prevention and family planning services to 9,174 individuals in the community. The scope of work objective in this new funding cycle is to make the information available to 8,600 individuals through health fairs and community partnerships.

The following terms deviate substantively from the standard County boilerplate: 1) The County must sign first; (2) Essential Access can suspend the agreement for 30 days for cause, pending corrective action by the County; (3) The agreement contains a mutual indemnification provision.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The Essential Access Grant funding totals \$160,000 for the period of April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021. At the end of this grant term, there will be an opportunity to amend the contract to extend the period and receive additional funding. Essential Access is a California based non-profit organization, and funding for this grant is received from federal funds from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Population Affairs through the Title X grant. For Fiscal Year 19/20 \$40,000 has already been budgeted, the remaining \$120,000 will be budgeted for in FY 20/21. There is no net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life- Promotes public health and welfare, educational opportunities, natural resources management and continued improvement of environmental quality. This project will enhance family

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planning services by increasing the quality of health education through staff trainings, system changes, and service delivery. In addition, this project will allow the Public Health Branch to provide access to a broader range of effective family planning methods related to preventive health services to community members of Tulare County.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Robert Stewart OBO

Karen M. Elliott

Director of Public Health

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Agreement

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN)
AGREEMENT WITH ESSENTIAL ACCESS) Resolution No. _____
HEALTH) Agreement No. _____
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UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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