



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Qualtrics, LLC provides an online survey software platform that is a scalable solution for the diverse survey requirements of the Monterey County Health Department (MCHD). The diversity in the context of this agile solution enables the Health Department program staff the ability to customize and develop surveys that are meaningful and enable strategic planning to include but not exclusive to: Health strategic and intervention initiatives, satisfaction with services received, planning for program design or expansion, and input on decision making. This is on a large scale using the survey input from staff, clients, patients, and the community agencies that collaborate with the county in the provision of services to the residents and aligned with enabling MCHD to maintain the national public health accreditation standards.

Accomplishing this on a large scale requires the use of an online survey platform that can solicit an unlimited number of surveys for an unlimited number of questions asked and responses received through email delivery but factors in security management within the solution for those that build surveys and collect the data. To enable compliance and maintain privacy for the survey respondents, the solution includes an embedded ExpertReview - Compliance Assist which is a proprietary feature within the application that identifies sensitive data that will not be viewable in the data collection, warn survey respondents before they try to submit sensitive information, and MCHD will be able to set the threshold to redact sensitive information to maintain respondent privacy. Considering the capabilities of this solution that meets the functional requirements while maintaining

security and privacy, it is the recommendation of the Director of Health to approve the recommended action.

This work supports the Monterey County Health Department 2018-2022 Strategic Plan Goals: 1) Empower the community to improve health through programs, policies, and activities; and 2) Enhance community health and safety by emphasizing prevention. It also supports one of the ten essential public health services, specifically: 9) Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Office of the County Counsel, Risk Management, Information Technology and Auditor-Controller have reviewed and approved this Data Processing Agreement as to legal form including indemnification, non-standard insurance provisions, technology form and fiscal provisions, respectively.

FINANCING:

Appropriations for this Agreement are included in the Health Department's (HEA014-8438) Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Adopted Budget, and provision for it will be made in the Department's Requested Budget for the years out.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

Economic Development:

- Through collaboration, strengthen economic development to ensure a diversified and healthy economy.

Administration:

- Promote an organization that practices efficient and effective resource management and is recognized for responsiveness, strong customer orientation, accountability and transparency.

Health & Human Services:

- Improve health and quality of life through County supported policies, programs, and services; promoting access to equitable opportunities for healthy choices and healthy environments in collaboration with communities.

Infrastructure:

- Plan and develop a sustainable, physical infrastructure that improves the quality of life for County residents and supports economic development results.

Public Safety:

- Create a safe environment for people to achieve their potential, leading businesses and communities to thrive and grow by reducing violent crimes as well as crimes in general.

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Approved by:

Date: _____
Elsa Mendoza Jimenez, Director of Health, 755-4526

Attachments:

Data Processing Agreement (General Terms and Conditions)

