



Board Report

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- b. Approve non-standard risk provisions in the Agreement as recommended by the Director of Health; and
- c. Approve and authorize the Director of Health or Assistant Director of Health to execute up to three future amendments to where the amendments do not exceed 10% (\$7,914) of the original Agreement amount and do not significantly change the scope of the Agreement, total not to exceed maximum of \$87,028.

RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Health Department's Public Health Laboratory (PHL) is responsible for providing testing services to identify microorganisms that cause disease including bacteria, fungi, viruses, and parasites.

The PHL is seeking approval of this agreement with Qiagen to purchase the EZ1 Advanced XL PrioPLUS instrument to perform extractions for polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing of SARS-CoV-2 and other pathogens. The EZ1 will allow the PHL to implement newly developed pathogen testing methods validated with this instrument, ramp up testing during surge events and continue testing when reagents are unavailable or in short supply for other extraction platforms. This instrument will facilitate rapid identification of pathogens and play a vital role in preventing and controlling disease outbreaks locally.

This work supports the County of Monterey Health Department 2018-2022 Strategic Plan Goals: 2. Enhance public health and safety through prevention; 3. Ensure access to culturally and linguistically appropriate, customer-friendly, quality health services; and 4. Engage the Health Department workforce and improve operational functions to meet current and developing population health needs. It also supports two of the 10 Essential Public Health Services, specifically: 1. Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets, and 2. Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Office of the County Counsel has reviewed and approved this Agreement as to legal form. Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved this Agreement as to fiscal provisions.

FINANCING:

This agreement is funded 100% by a California Department of Public Health Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) supplemental grant. Appropriations for this Agreement are included in the Health Department's (001-4000-8124-HEA003) FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget and proposed FY 2023-24 Requested Budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Check 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: _____

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Attachments:

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Agreement

Addendum

Exhibit A - Scope of Services / Payment Provisions