

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Health Agency/Public Health Department		(2) MEETING DATE June 6, 2006		(3) CONTACT/PHONE Nancy Rosen 781-5518	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a agreement with Economic Opportunity Commission of San Luis Obispo County Inc., to provide Public Health staff to perform specific duties to reduce North County adolescent pregnancies as outlined in the Community Challenge Grant.					
(5) SUMMARY OF REQUEST The Community Challenge Grant (CCG) program promotes community-based partnerships for the development and implementation of effective strategies to reduce teenage and unwed pregnancies. Since 1996, the Public Health Department (PHD) has collaborated with Economic Opportunity Commission (EOC) CCG Program providing adolescent pregnancy prevention services to young men. This agreement provides funding for 0.50 FTE Social Worker to implement a curricula-based program targeting young men/adolescents in the Paso Robles area.					
(6) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve an agreement (Clerk's File) with Economic Opportunity Commission of San Luis Obispo County Inc., for the County to subcontract for adolescent pregnancy prevention services through the Community Challenge Grant Program in FY 2005/06.					
(7) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Economic Opportunity Commission, Inc.		(8) CURRENT YEAR COST \$41,114		(9) ANNUAL COST \$41,114	
(10) BUDGETED? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A					
(11) OTHER AGENCY/ADVISORY GROUP INVOLVEMENT (LIST): County Counsel has approved the agreement as to form and legal effect. The Paso Robles Public Schools and EOC are the main collaborative partners in operating this grant					
(12) WILL REQUEST REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, How Many? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Term _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Contract _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Help _____					
(13) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) <input type="checkbox"/> 1st, <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd, <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd, <input type="checkbox"/> 4th, <input type="checkbox"/> 5th, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All		(14) LOCATION MAP <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		(15) Maddy Act Appointments Signed-off by Clerk of the Board <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(16) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)		(17) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions (Orig + 4 copies) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(18) NEED EXTRA EXECUTED COPIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		(19) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(20) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) _____		(21) W-9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		(22) Agenda Item History <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: December 04, 2005	
(23) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <p align="center"><i>OK</i></p> <p align="right"><i>B-16 (6.6.06)</i></p>					



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Gregory W. Thomas, M.D., M.P.H., Public Health Administrator

DATE: June 6, 2006

SUBJECT: Request to approve a agreement with Economic Opportunity Commission of San Luis Obispo County Inc., to provide Public Health staff to perform specific duties to reduce North County adolescent pregnancies as outlined in the Community Challenge Grant.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve an agreement (Clerk's File) with Economic Opportunity Commission of San Luis Obispo County Inc., for the County Public Health Department to subcontract for adolescent pregnancy prevention services by participating in the Community Challenge Grant Program in FY 2005/06.

Discussion

The Community Challenge Grant (CCG) program promotes community-based partnerships for the development and implementation of effective strategies to reduce teenage and unwed pregnancies. Since 1996, the Public Health Department (PHD) has collaborated with the Economic Opportunity Commission (EOC) CCG Program providing adolescent pregnancy prevention services to young men. From 1996 until FY 2005/06, the State awarded funding to the PHD to work with the Paso Robles community and the State awarded EOC funding for the South County. CCG in South County funded staff to perform Family Life education in the classroom and operate a Teen Center. Historically, the PHD dedicated a 1.0 FTE Social Worker to coordinate the Young Men's Program consisting of a minimum of 50 male students, working school days, evenings and weekends. Services include prevention education and referrals, helping with facilitating appointments and transportation, individual sessions and support groups focusing on male roles and responsibilities in pregnancy prevention. Other services include attending Teen Pregnancy Prevention Task Force meetings and the regional CCG and Office of Family Planning leadership conferences.

In FY 2005/06, due to decreased statewide funding for this program, the State recommended approval of one granting agency. PHD and EOC collaborated on the project. EOC was awarded the State agreement as the lead agency and subcontracted with the PHD to provide a 0.50 FTE Social Worker and continue adolescent pregnancy prevention activities in the Paso Robles community.

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According to research, curricula-based programs that share ten necessary characteristics; community-wide initiatives; and programs that focus on non-sexual antecedents are effective in changing male and female teens' sexual behavior and thus reducing adolescent pregnancy. These curricula-based programs include activities such as after school programs, involvement in community benefit programs, meeting social interaction needs in a non sexual environment and providing a positive male role model.

Adolescent pregnancy results in a human toll for adolescent parents, and their children in terms of physical, emotional and financial health. Adolescent births cost taxpayers nationally approximately \$7 billion in state and federal funds or an average of \$4,750 per year for each birth in public assistance. Children born to women under the age of twenty are ten times more likely to: be poor, drop out of school, suffer abuse and neglect, and the sons of adolescent moms are more likely to end up in jail. By the 2010, the number of teens in California is expected to grow by 30%, causing an increase in teen births. Therefore, it is important to continue to work towards reducing the adolescent birth rate in San Luis Obispo County.

Other Agency Involvement/Impact

County Counsel has approved the agreement as to form and legal effect. The Paso Robles Public Schools and EOC are the main collaborative partners in operating this grant.

Financial Considerations

In FY 2004/05 the PHD included expense and revenue for this program in the amount of \$125,000 funded by the Department of Health Services.

In FY 2005/06 the PHD included \$40,000 revenue from EOC in the adopted budget. This revenue supports the 0.50 FTE SWII (\$39,114) and associated services and supplies (\$2,000). The grant award excludes countywide overhead for this program. The overhead associated with this program is in the amount of \$1,114, which is not revenue offset. The agreement does not require any increase in the General Fund Support in the PHD budget.

Results

The following table reflects adolescent birth rates in San Luis Obispo County for the last several years:

Adolescent Births: 15-17 year olds

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Births in SLO County	73	56	65	63	52	61
SLO County rate (per 1,000)	15.4	11.6	13.4	13.0	10.6	12.1
Population females	4,752	4,834	4,838	4,863	4,920	5043

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The CCG program will continue a Young Men's Program for 50 high-risk male youth in the 7th-12th grades. Involving young men in after school programs, activities that benefit the community and meeting social interaction needs in a non sexual environment and providing positive male role models is a research based method of reducing their risk of involvement in high risk sexual behavior. Results of the program include the participants continued use of birth control and abstinence resulting in only one teen father in the last five years thus reducing the adolescent births in the above table.

The CCG program is aligned with the Public Health Department's goal regarding working towards the Communitywide Result of "A Healthy Community." Through the continuation of collaboration with EOC and Paso Robles School Districts, the Public Health Department works towards reducing adolescent pregnancies in our community.

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