

**WASHOE COUNTY
HEALTH DISTRICT**
ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE

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Staff Report
Board Meeting Date: April 28, 2016

TO: District Board of Health

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SUBJECT: Approval of Personal Protective Equipment donation to law enforcement, EMS transport-capable agencies, and hospitals in the total amount of \$116,417 to enhance the ability to protect against infectious disease and other health hazards.

SUMMARY

The Washoe County Health District's Public Health Preparedness Program requests permission to provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to law enforcement, EMS transport-capable agencies and hospitals to enhance the ability to protect against infectious disease and other health hazards.

Approval of this donation supports the Public Health Preparedness Program's (PHP) objective to prepare our community for a health-related emergency and to protect responders from known and emerging infectious disease, as well as other health hazards.

District Board of Health strategic priority: Protect population from health problems and health hazards.

PREVIOUS ACTION

The DBOH approved the grants allowing the purchase of this equipment on September 24, 2015 and October 22, 2015 for the CDC and ASPR grants respectively.

BACKGROUND

The Health District's Public Health Preparedness Program has received CDC and ASPR grant funds that are to provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to public health first responders, determined by the grant(s) to also include law enforcement and EMS transport-capable agencies. The DBOH approved the grants allowing the purchase of this equipment on September 24, 2015 and October 22, 2015 for the CDC and ASPR grants respectively.

In an effort to assist in adequately preparing our community to respond to a health-related community emergency, it is requested that the District Board of Health approve the donation of the following PPE to the following agencies:



Sparks Police Department

Tyvek Coveralls
Boot Covers
Biohazard Bags
Chem Tape
N-95 Masks

Washoe County Sheriff's Office

Tyvek Coveralls
Boot Covers
Biohazard Bags
Polylatex Sleeves
N-95 Masks

**Washoe County School District-
Police**

Tyvek Coveralls
Boot Covers
Chem Tape
N-95 Masks
Polylatex Sleeves
Gowns
Face Shields

Reno Police Department

Tyvek Coveralls
Boot Covers
Biohazard Bags
Chem Tape
Gloves

**Gerlach-(Currently served by
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection
District)**

Tyvek Coveralls
Chem Tape
N-95 Masks
Face Shields

The PHP Program staff worked with each community partner listed to identify their individual PPE needs based on staffing numbers and agency mission. This ensures that community partners are receiving the items that will best meet their needs to protect their staff from infectious disease based upon Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

The amount of PPE provided to each agency was based on staff size and response roles and responsibilities. Training needs and supplies were also taken into consideration. The agencies were provided lists of allowable PPE to purchase based on CDC guidelines with an approximate cost per unit to provide guidance on their total purchase.

A list of acceptable PPE based on CDC guidelines was generated and provided to four (4) vendors to quote: Bound Tree Medical, McKesson Medical-Surgical, Grainger and Life-Assist. One vendor did not respond (Grainger). Of the three remaining vendors:

- Bound Tree Medical provided the most comprehensive list of PPE and pricing.
- McKesson Medical-Surgical did not provide a quote for all items on the list, as there were several items that they did not regularly have available.

- Life-Assist provided quotes for many of the items, but the pricing was higher in some areas.

Based on this feedback, the decision was made that the bulk of these items would be purchased through Bound Tree Medical as they could provide the best balance of products and pricing. McKesson Medical-Surgical offered the best pricing on gloves and gowns, therefore that part of the order will be purchased from them.

Not all agencies spent their full allocation due to expected utilization and storage issues, and the initial cost estimates were higher than the eventual vendor quotes. This resulted in an unspent allocation of approximately \$30,000. In consultation with our community partners, the decision was made to direct \$30,000 towards isolations pods (photo on last page).

As the program geared up to work with the transport agencies, there was a request from REMSA that the PHP program review the availability of isolation pods for use by local EMS transport agencies. Isolation pods are used to isolate highly infectious patients and allow for safe and rapid transport and reduce the risk of infection to first responders and hospital staff. The CDC and the Nevada State Division of Public and Behavioral Health Public Health Preparedness Program confirmed that isolation pods are considered appropriate purchases utilizing emerging infectious disease funding. The PHP Program made the decision to also provide the local assessment hospitals with isolation pods, based on their participation in grant deliverables relative to the PHP program. The following agencies were identified and approved to receive isolation pods based on their roles and responsibilities:

REMSA (2 isolation pods)
Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center (1 isolation pod)
North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District (1 isolation pod)
Renown Regional Medical Center (2 isolation pods)

Quotes for the isolation pods were requested from three vendors: Peke, Immediate Response Technologies and ProPac. Immediate Response Technologies was selected, because they provided the best pricing and product.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board approve this donation, we can confirm that there is sufficient authority in the FY16 budget in grants as follows:

ASPR Ebola Supplemental 11286-710300	\$66,627
CDC Ebola Supplemental 11257-710300	\$49,790

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Washoe County District Board of Health approve the Personal Protective Equipment donation to law enforcement, EMS transport-capable agencies and hospitals in the total amount of \$116,417 to enhance the ability to protect against infectious disease and other health hazards.

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve the Personal Protective Equipment donation to law enforcement, EMS transport-capable agencies and hospitals in the total amount of \$116,417 to enhance the ability to protect against infectious disease and other health hazards."

Isolation Pod

