

NEWS

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Supervisors Approve Funding for Ontario Projects

SAN BERNARDINO – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today unanimously approved two contracts for a total of \$220,000.00 for Ontario based projects. Both contracts were presented by Fourth District Supervisor Gary Ovitt and would be funded by an unbudgeted priority project allocation for the Fourth District.

The first contract is for \$100,000 with Partners for Better Health (PBH) in support of the “Healthy Ontario” initiative for the period of August 15, 2007 through June 30, 2008. PBH is a not-for-profit entity whose mission is to lead in the creation of a collaborative effort to understand and interpret health needs, conceptualize solutions and draw on the resources of public and private organizations to implement these solutions in the City of Ontario.

The funding will be used to help support Healthy Ontario, a citywide initiative that will focus on objectives and strategies to enhance wellness and prevention, access to healthcare, safe neighborhoods and nutritional education in the City of Ontario.

Dora Barilla, Executive Director of the program, upon hearing the news of the contract award said: “City of Ontario residents have Supervisor Gary Ovitt to thank for his longtime support of the citywide health initiative, Healthy Ontario. “She went on to say that; “the funding will help inform, educate and focus on improving health in our community. In early 2008, a report will be presented to the city detailing the findings of a strategic study that will be conducted.”

The Second project contract is for the Ontario-Montclair YMCA in the amount of \$120,000 for various facilities improvements and community programs for the period of August 15, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

“For over fifty years, the Ontario-Montclair YMCA has served the surrounding communities to build healthy minds and bodies,” said Supervisor Ovitt. “The YMCA offers a variety of programs and activities for all ages throughout the entire year. This funding will assist in upgrading the facility’s basic infrastructure needs. Capital improvements would include updating the facility’s electrical system, replacing chairs for meeting and dining areas, updating fitness equipment and repairing the gymnasium air conditioner.”

Larry Enriquez, YMCA Executive Director, commented on the contract award: “The Ontario/Montclair YMCA was thrilled to receive \$120,000 for needed upgrades and improvements to the YMCA’s facility. It will allow more activities to take place in the summer and expand our health, wellness and nutrition classes and services to residents in the area.”