

# FY2011 Appropriations Request Form

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Individuals/Organizations must respond to all questions on the form. Incomplete proposals will not be considered.

All appropriations project requests will be presented to and evaluated by the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District's Citizens Oversight Panel, made up of community leaders. **This year's panel meetings will be held on February 26, March 5 and March 12, 2010 in the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.** Appointments to appear before the panel must be made through Cookab Hashemi, Chief of Staff, at 202/225-3531 or via email, [Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov](mailto:Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov).

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** All information provided on this form and any supporting documents will be made available to the public on the Congresswoman's website.

**DEADLINE: Forms are due by Friday, February 12, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m. (P.S.T.)/9:00 p.m. (E.S.T.). Project requests submitted after that date will not be considered.**

**Date Submitted:**

February 11, 2010

**Project Name:**

San Francisco General Hospital – Computerized Provider Order Entry (CPOE)

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**Individual/Organization:** *(Is the grantee located in the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District?)*

San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco General Hospital  
(Grantee is physically located in the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, but serves a large portion of the 12<sup>th</sup> District.)

**Amount Requested** *(if requesting report language, please attach.):*

\$3,167,292 (scalable as noted in the cost chart below)

**Appropriations Bill/Account/Relevant Authorization law/bill/status** *(e.g., "Public Law 107-111"; "FY2008 DOD Authorization", "Currently pursuing authorization through Agriculture Committee", "Safe Drinking Water Act" or "Hatch Act") Applicants uncertain as to how to answer this question should contact Cookab Hashemi at 202-225-3531 or via email, [Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov](mailto:Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov) for assistance:*

FY2011 Labor/HHS/Education Authorization

**Local Contact** *(Please provide full contact information, including any relevant phone extensions, and indicate if there is a separate D.C. contact. Please provide local address, state, zip code and email address):*

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**Organization's Main Activities.** *(Please limit your response to 250 words and indicate whether it is a public, non-profit or private for-profit entity.)*

The Department of Public Health (DPH) is a public entity and department of the City and County of San Francisco responsible for providing both population-based public health services, including prevention, health promotion, disease surveillance and control, and environmental health, and clinical health care services through San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, a 598 licensed-bed acute-care hospital; Laguna Honda Hospital, a distinct-part nursing facility; and 17 community-based primary care clinics. The section of the Health Department that would implement the requested funding is San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (SFGH). SFGH is the safety-net hospital providing quality care to the un- and underinsured population of San Francisco, and is the Level 1 Trauma Center serving the 1.5 million residents of San Francisco and northern San Mateo County.

**Please show main items in the project and total cost in a simplified chart form.** *(Please include the amount of any Federal/State/Local/Private funds, including any in-kind resources.)*

For the three phases, of the CPOE project, SFGH is seeking a total of \$3,167,292 as follows:

Software & licenses	\$ 58,721
Siemens Consulting Services	\$ 773,150
Clinical Staff	\$ 709,690
Information Systems Staff	\$ 401,381
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,942,942</b>

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### CPOE Budget Phase 2

Clinical Alerts software	\$ 122,060
End user hardware	\$ 382,290
Training (back fill)	\$ 500,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,004,350</b>

### Meaningful Use: Quality Reporting (Phase 3)

Clinical Decision Support software (Siemens)	\$ 220,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 220,000</b>

**Project Description, including a timeline, goals, expected outcomes and specific uses of Federal Funds.** *(Your response must focus on the requested funds rather than the organization's mission and general activities. Please limit your response to 250 – 500 words.)*

San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (SFGH) is the safety-net hospital providing quality care to the un- and underinsured population of San Francisco and Level 1 trauma services for the 1.5 million residents of San Francisco and northern San Mateo County. SFGH needs to meet the Federal Health Information Technology (HIT) and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) "meaningful use" criteria for Electronic Health Record (EHR) technology as soon as possible in order to receive the maximum amount of CMS incentive payments for which it would be eligible. Computerized Provider Order Entry (CPOE) is a cornerstone of meaningful use. Yet while SFGH has made significant progress in achieving certain other meaningful use criteria, such as medication reconciliation and electronic medication administration, within our limited budget, we have not been able to raise the funds necessary to implement CPOE.

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SFGH could start a CPOE implementation today if funding were available. SFGH's clinical system (Siemens Invision) has a robust CPOE module, which is part of our contract. However, the implementation costs outlined above need to be funded. A successful CPOE project must be spearheaded by a full-time physician, with full-time support from a pharmacist and a nurse. Professional services from the vendor for assistance with project management, design, computer programming, and eventual training of end users is also required. The Information Systems Department will require staff augmentation. New and replacement computers on the nursing units will also be required.

In Phase 1, the focus of attention will be development of the ordering pathways to be used by the providers. This is a huge task, which involves many disciplines reviewing present ordering patterns and comparing them with industry best practice information and then tailoring order sets to suit the needs of the clinical staff at SFGH. In the second phase, software that alerts providers to critical abnormal test results will be implemented and new and replacement equipment will be purchased and installed. User training will begin. Nurses, physicians, and other clinical staff who will interact with CPOE will be trained. In many cases, it will be necessary to backfill staff on the units while others are being trained. Finally, in Phase 3, CMS will require a great deal of reporting on outcomes and quality measures. This will require the implementation of clinical decision support software currently available (but not purchased or installed) from our vendor.

**How will this project request serve to expand the capacity of your organization and how will your organization sustain this work beyond the federal funding?** *(Your response must focus on the impact of the requested funds rather than the organization's long-term goals.)*

Under the "meaningful use" criteria for Electronic Health Records (EHR) contained within the American Recover and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) healthcare providers must adopt EHR technology in order to receive Medicare and Medicaid incentive payments. The CPOE will facilitate better care, ensure patient safety at SFGH by reducing medication errors, allow DPH/SFGH to meet regulatory and financial mandates, improve efficiency for patients/providers/support staff, reduce costs, and promote standardization of care. As EHRs play an increasingly

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important role in regulatory compliance requirement efforts, it is vital for the largest safety net system in San Francisco to implement this important health care technology to promote access to care. The project will be sustained through federal incentive payments by on-going use.

**Can this proposal be funded via fees levied on users of the service or via the ordinary capital budgeting process of the organization?**

No

**What is the local significance of this project?**

Title XIII and Title IV of the ARRA are focused on supporting the widespread adoption of health information technology. \$23.1 billion in Medicare incentive payments and \$21.1 billion in Medicaid incentive payments are available nationally to hospitals and FQHC clinics that achieve "meaningful use" of EHRs. Incentive payments would begin in 2012-13 and continue for four years. DPH estimates that Medicare incentive payments totaling \$2.656 million between 2013 and 2016 for SFGH and DPH clinics would be available to us for adopting an EHR. Estimates of Medicaid incentives are not as well defined, but are estimated to be 1.5 times as much as Medicare incentive payments, or \$3.983 million. Total incentive payments (Medicare + Medicaid) are estimated at \$6.639 million.

**How many residents of the 12<sup>th</sup> CD will benefit from this project? (i.e. jobs created, services rendered to, how many people, etc.)**

In FY 2008-09, nearly 3,300 (21 %) of SFGH's total 15,400 acute admissions were residents of the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

**Please explain the federal interest in this proposal (i.e. meets a stated objective of federal policy, supports a federal agency, is the result of a federal law/mandate, etc.)**

This proposal is consistent with the Medicare and Medicaid incentive payments for ERHs outlined in Title XII and Title IV of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) (Public Law 111-5).

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**List any other organizations or state/local elected officials who have expressed support for the project in writing.** *(Please submit copies of support letters along with the request form.)*

Gavin Newsom, Mayor, City and County of San Francisco

**Does the organization have any other funding requests for this project?**  
*(Federal, State, Local or private request pending?)*

None

**Has the organization previously received Federal funds for this project?**  
*(Please list any funds received [by fiscal year] and briefly describe how those funds were spent.)*

None

**Has the individual and/or organization submitted the project request to other Member offices? If so, please identify below the names of the Members of Congress and staff persons.**

No

**Please attach a list of your organization's staff and board members from 2005 – 2010.** *(if any).*

DPH employs nearly 6,800 individuals. SFGH has approximately 2,700 City and County of San Francisco (CCSF) full-time equivalent employees and approximately 1,300 University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) full-time equivalent employees including physicians and house staff. A copy of the DPH and SFGH organization charts are attached.

As the governing and policy-making body of the Department of Public Health, the San Francisco Health Commission is mandated by the City & County Charter to manage and control the City and County hospitals, to monitor and regulate emergency medical services, and all matters pertaining to the preservation, promotion, and protection of the lives, health, and mental health of San Francisco residents.

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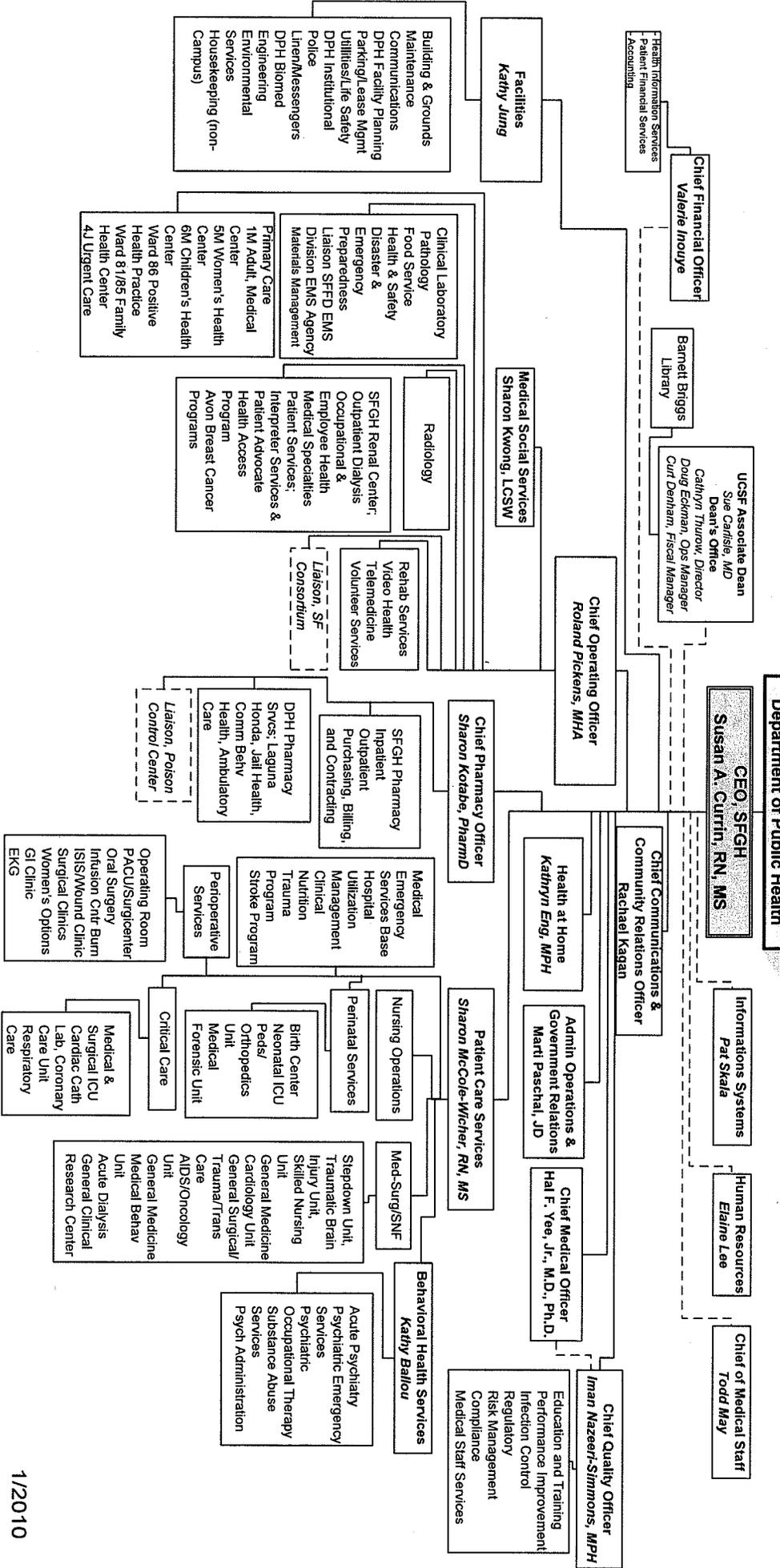
**Please attach any additional relevant materials.**

DPH Organization Chart

SFGH Organization Chart

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# San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center





February 12, 2010

The Honorable Jackie Speier  
United States House of Representatives  
211 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: San Francisco General Hospital – Computerized Provider Order Entry – Appropriations request

Dear Congresswoman Speier:

I am writing in support of San Francisco General Hospital – Computerized Provider Order Entry (CPOE), a high priority project request for upcoming funding legislation for the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH).

San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (SFGH) is the safety-net hospital providing quality care to the un- and underinsured population of San Francisco and Level 1 trauma services for the 1.5 million residents of San Francisco and northern San Mateo Counties. SFGH must meet the Federal Health Information Technology and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) “meaningful use” criteria for Electronic Health Record technology included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as soon as possible in order to receive the maximum amount of CMS incentive payments for which it would be eligible. CPOE is a key piece of “meaningful use.” DPH estimates these incentive payments to be \$6.639 million over four years beginning in 2013.

While DPH is requesting \$3,167,292 in federal funds through this high priority request, the project is scalable as noted in the attached application. SFGH has made significant progress in achieving certain other meaningful use criteria, such as medication reconciliation and electronic medication administration; however, fiscal constraints have prohibited us from raising the funds necessary to implement CPOE. Once implemented, ongoing funding will be provided through Medicaid and Medicare incentive payments.

San Francisco strongly supports the efforts of the Department of Public Health to advance the San Francisco General Hospital – Computerized Provider Order Entry with this funding request.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sue Currin, Chief Executive Officer, San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center at (415) 206-3517.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line.

Gavin Newsom  
Mayor