



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: June 28, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD
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SUBJECT: COVID-19 AB 86 Safe Schools for All (SS4A) allocation for COVID-19 Activities during FYs 2021/2023

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Public Health Department Director to accept and receive a six month extension for the funding period to expand Santa Barbara County Public Health Department's capacity to support school safety through the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) from AB-86 COVID-19 relief and school reopening, reporting, and public health requirements for an extended period of May 12, 2021 through December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$200,000; and
- b) Determine that the above recommended action is not a "Project" with the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and is exempt per CEQA Guideline section 15378(b)(4), since the recommended action is a government fiscal activity which does not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the Agenda to authorize the Public Health Department (Department) to extend the term of an allocation from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Award Number AB86-42 (Attachment A), that was accepted by your Board in June 2021. This funding comes from the State of California to increase Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ) staffing to provide critical technical assistance to the County Office of Education, local school districts, and individual schools in support of in-person education. The extension of this allocation can be used to continue to increase technical assistance, education stakeholder engagement, and public health education.

Background:

Through Assembly Bill 86 (2021) (AB86) the California State Legislature has expressed the intent that local education agencies offer in-person education to the greatest extent possible. The Public Health Department has utilized AB86 funds to support local school districts and individual schools with technical assistance throughout the course of the 2021/2022 school year. The six-month extension of the AB86 funds will be used to continue funding one Extra-Help Nurse to provide infection prevention technical assistance and stakeholder engagement and one Extra-Help Health Education Associate to develop and deliver public health education specific to in-person education. Additionally, AB86 funding supports outbreak investigation staffing and Public Health Department administrative assistance to schools.

Performance Measure:

CDPH requires that PHD develop and submit a work plan and a spend plan for the funds. PHD must report on progress, activities, and expenditures on a quarterly basis. Specific required performance measures will be reported through the Safe Schools for All Grants Portal; specific quantitative metrics are:

- Number of Local Education Agencies (LEA) requesting technical assistance and the total number of pupils served by these LEAs
- Number of LEAs provided with technical assistance for return to in-person education and the total number of pupils served by these LEAs
- Number of LEAs provided with technical assistance on outbreak mitigation (e.g. contact tracing and case investigation)
- Number of LEAs that were provided onsite consultation with the LHJ
- Number of LEAs that had to adjust their plans based on feedback from the LHJ

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Approving and authorizing the Public Health Director to accept this extension will allow the Public Health Department to continue to provide pandemic-related technical assistance to the local education system to support in-person education. Funding in the amount of \$200,000 which represents 100% of the total award was received from CDPH in September 2021. \$84,330.04 in costs have been reported against the advance as of 4/30/2022. Extending the end date will provide additional time to spend the remaining balance of \$115,669.96. Any remaining balance at the end of the agreement term would need to be returned to CDPH.

This action will not result in the need for any additional facilities.

Key Contract Risks:

N/A

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

N/A

Attachments:

- A. CDPH Safe Schools for All Allocation Award Extension Letter AB86-42
- B. CDPH Safe Schools for All Allocation Award Letter AB86-42

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