



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: December 3, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director(s): Mouhanad Hammami, Director
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SUBJECT: **Future of Public Health Grant Funding Allocation Agreement Authorization through FY 2026-2027 and Ratification of FY 2023-2024 Funding Allocation**

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 funding for the California Department of Public Health’s Future of Public Health Grant for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$2,378,116(Attachment A);
- b) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Public Health Department Director to accept and receive funding from the California Department of Public Health’s Future of Public Health Grant for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$2,433,999 (Attachment B);
- c) Approve and authorize the Public Health Department Director to accept a two-year extension of the California Department of Public Health’s Future of Public Health Grant from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027;
- d) Approve and authorize the Public Health Department Director to execute any future funding allocation agreements and/or amendments for the California Department of Public Health’s Future of Public Health Grant through June 30, 2027, including changes to the Statement of Work provided that the funding allocation agreement and/or amendment does not exceed ten percent (10%) (\$713,434.08) of the total agreement amount, upon review and concurrence by the Auditor Controller’s Office and

County Counsel Office, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time (Attachment A);

- e) Approve and authorize the Public Health Director, or designee, to make any required certifications in accordance with the Grant Agreement; and
- f) Determine that the recommended actions are 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 actions are government fiscal activities which do 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 approve, ratify, and authorize the Public Health Department Director to accept funding for FY 2024-25 in the amount not to exceed \$2,378,116 and to receive an extension to the Future of Public Health Grant funding allocation for an additional two-year period from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027 from the California Department of Public Health.

Additionally, this item ratifies acceptance of funding received in the amount of \$2,433,999 in FY 2023-2024 from the Future of Public Health grant. This funding aimed to establish, expand, train, and sustain the public health workforce, supporting administration, technology, and community health efforts. The two-year grant extension will also serve to support and promote ongoing public health strategic initiatives and accreditation efforts.

Background:

The Board initially approved the acceptance of California Department of Public Health's Future of Public Health (FoPH) Grant for FY 2022-2023 on May 9, 2023. The FoPH funding allocation represents ongoing funding now included in the State's budget. This allocation provides continued funding for key positions that were originally created under the Work Force Development funding approved by the Board on June 28, 2022. Additionally, the grant supports essential infrastructure projects in Public Health, such as the Department's transition to Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) and upgrades to hardware and software, enhancing security within our services.

Additional deliverables under the requested extension through June 30, 2027 include: 1) invest in key Administration and Fiscal Divisions positions that will assist in centralizing and improving grant management, contracts, and projects funded through State and Federal Grants; 2) build a robust HR program that will proactively address HR matters such as; recruitment, retention, leave management, onboarding, and timekeeping; 3) hire and retain key staff to establish internal capacity for analysis, synthesis, and communication of key health metrics in support of the Public Health accreditation efforts and departmental strategic planning initiatives; 4) initiate a comprehensive cross training of all regular existing staff to enhance public health infrastructure and redundancy for communicable disease response and emerging diseases; 5) build data-warehousing capacity within the Public Health Department to facilitate multi-disciplinary team access to both internal and external data sources for analysis, visualization, and reporting to support decision making, accreditation activities, and presentation through necessary dashboards; 6) complete replacement of approximately 530 telephone handsets with VoIP to improve communication capabilities within Public Health to support emergency paging, cross-county call centers, ad hoc workgroups, and functionality that supports staff regardless if they are mobile, remote, or on-premise; and 7) replace a permitting and inspection and billing software for Environmental Health Services.

The recommended actions today are to ratify and approve acceptance of State funds for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as the funds were only made available by the State following the beginning of the current fiscal year (Attachment A), and to authorize the Public Health Department Director to accept and receive extensions to the Future of Public Health grant allocations for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027 (Attachment A). Additionally, ratification of the acceptance of funds received in Fiscal Years 2023-24 is also requested.

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The Public Health Department will return to the Board for further authorization if significant changes to the allocation amounts or scope of work are requested by the State of California in subsequent years.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal Analysis:

Approval will authorize the Public Health Department Director to accept and receive funding in FY 2024-2025, FY 2025-2026, and FY 2026-2027 for \$2,378,116 each fiscal year for a total of \$7,163,544 from the California Department of Public Health Futures of Public Health grant. This action will also ratify acceptance of prior allocation agreement in FY 2023-2024 for \$2,433,999. The four-year allocation total for FY 2023-2027 is \$9,568,347.

The current fiscal year funding is budgeted as part of the Public Health Department’s FY 2024-2025 Adopted Budget. Funds allocated for future fiscal years through June 30, 2027 will be included in the Public Health Department’s FY 2025-2026 and FY 2026-2027 recommended budgets based on each year’s state funding allocation. Funding for FY 2023-2024 was budgeted in prior year.

A continued requirement of the grant is that the department spend a minimum of 70% on ordinance positions (including their indirect costs). This currently funds ten positions. Positions from other one-time funding sources can transition to the Future of Public Health grant to meet this requirement as the other grants end. The remaining 30% can be spent on non-ordinance positions, such as extra help, and services and supply expenditures including capital assets, remodeling, contractors, updating phones to VOIP, and replacing computers.

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 2023-2024 Allocation</u>	<u>FY 2024-2027 Allocation:</u>	<u>FY 2023-2027 Total</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 2,433,999	\$ 7,134,348	\$ 9,568,347
Federal			\$ -
Other:			\$ -
Total	\$ 2,433,999	\$ 7,134,348	\$ 9,568,347

Special Instructions to Clerk of the Board:

Please return an electronic copy of the Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at PHDGROUPEContractsUnit@sbcphd.org.

Attachments:

- Attachment A- FoPH 24/25 Funding Memo
- Attachment B- FoPH FY 23/24 Funding Memo

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