



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: February 28, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5ths

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Public Health Department
Director(s) Mouhanad Hammami, Director
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SUBJECT: California Home Visiting Program State General Fund Expansion Allocation

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following recommendations:

- a) Approve and authorize the Public Health Department (PHD) Director, or designee, to accept and execute a new Scope of Work for Evidence-Based Home Visiting Expansion for the California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) State General Fund Expansion agreement with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) in the amount not to exceed \$225,178 with a period of performance from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; and
- b) Approve and authorize the PHD Director, or designee, to sign associated certifications as may be required by the California Department of Public Health for this agreement; and
- c) Approve and authorize Budget Revision BJE 0008711 in the amount of \$102,400 to establish appropriations of \$225,178 (\$122,778 costs transferred from another program) of unanticipated revenue from CDPH to increase Services and Supplies and Other Costs for FY 2022-2023 in the County's financial system (Attachment D); and
- d) Determine that these activities are not a "project" and are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review 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 and authorize the Public Health Department (PHD) Director, or designee, to accept and execute a new Scope of Work for Evidence-Based Home Visiting Expansion in the amount up to \$225,178 for Year 1 (FY 22/23 July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023) for the California Home Visiting State General Fund Expansion Allocation.

Background:

According to “The Economics of Child Abuse: 2018 Study of Santa Barbara County”, child abuse continues to be a chronic issue within Santa Barbara County and the entire state with impacts that are lasting and significant. Child abuse impacts not just the child, but the family, and the entire community. Moreover, the physical, mental, and emotional effects of abuse persist long after child abuse occurs, and results in ongoing costs to every sector of our community. Child abuse is a significant adverse childhood event (ACE) and a core underlying factor to many of the ongoing struggles of this community, such as high rates of school dropout, homelessness, incarceration, and chronic health issues. For the 423 verified child victims in 2017, the cumulative financial impact to the Santa Barbara community is \$114.6M. Though these costs are accrued over the course of the victims’ lives, the same cost will incur each year until we are able to reduce and ultimately end child abuse.

Case-management and home visitation interventions in early-life have strong evidence to support the prevention of negative long-term health effects. Early childhood home visiting programs and case-management provides new and expectant parents with information, support, and referrals to community resources and services to promote good maternal and child health, home safety, food security, and positive parenting skills. By investing in upstream prevention programs, like home visiting, we can prevent child abuse and neglect before it can begin to help strengthen families and create thriving communities.

Healthy Families America (HFA) is a nationally-recognized, evidence-based home visiting program, launched by Prevent Child Abuse America in 1992. The purpose of HFA is to support new parents from the beginning during pregnancy or at the time their babies are born and, for families facing greater challenges, to offer ongoing home visiting services until the child is age three. HFA is rooted in the belief that early, nurturing relationships are the foundation for life-long, healthy development. HFA delivers home visits to overburdened families, to help parents forge a strong bond with their child despite challenges such as single parenthood, low income, and depression that put children at risk for adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), including abuse and neglect. The HFA model is based upon twelve research-based critical elements and is committed to demonstrating consistent service implementation and quality.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) received \$37.5 million in State General Funds (SGF) to expand the California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) for 2022-23 and ongoing, which includes \$33.7 million for Local Assistance. This funding is for increasing the number of families participating in the three evidence-based home visiting (EBHV) models supported by CDPH/CHVP: Healthy Families America (HFA), Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) and Parents as Teachers (PAT). Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs) may use Year 1 funding for expansion, planning and/or special support activities.

With this grant funding, Santa Barbara County Public Health Department’s Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health (MCAH) plans to expand services with the HFA home visiting program which launched in July

2021. Funding will be used to assess the needs of the community and hiring of additional home visiting staff to expand family participation beyond the current caseload capacity of 80 families county-wide. Emergency supplies (i.e. diapers) may also be purchased and distributed to participating families in need.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Fiscal Analysis:

Although CDPH has allocated \$560,707 to the County, PHD has only identified a need for \$225,178. (Attachments B and E.) Thus, the Board is requested to authorize the Director of Public Health to execute this agreement for fiscal year 2022-23 for a total amount of \$225,178. Of that amount, \$102,709 of salaries and benefits are already in the Public Health Department Adopted Budget and will be redirected from another grant program to fulfill the scope of work of the CHVP Expansion grant. However, many of the costs will be new and \$102,400 will be added to the County budget with BJE 0008711. There is no increase to the County’s General Fund resources as a result of executing this agreement.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

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Attachments:

- A. Fiscal Year (FY 2022-2023: Year 1 CHVP State General Fund (SGF) Agreement Funding Application (AFA) Announcement Letter
- B. California Home Visiting Program 2022 Expansion Plan Update and Allocations document
- C. California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) State General Fund (SGF) Evidence-Based Home Visiting Expansion Scope of Work (SOW)
- D. Budget Revision Request BJE Number 0008711
- E. PHD Identified Need

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