



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

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Agenda Number:

**Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)**

Department Name: County Health Department
Department No.: 041
Agenda Date: April 21, 2026
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Mouhanad Hammami, County Health
Contact: Susan Liles, Nutrition Services Director
SUBJECT: **CalFresh Healthy Living Grant Termination Notification for Grant Agreement 23-10345**

Signed by:
Mouhanad Hammami
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County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: CEO Budget

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Director of County Health, or designee, to sign the receipt of Notification of Termination for Grant Agreement 23-10345 (Attachment A) for the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) CalFresh Healthy Living program, which is effective April 30, 2026;
- b) Approve Budget Revision Request BJE-0011006 (Attachment C) which decreases appropriations of \$98,750 in County Health due to unrealized federal revenues;
- c) Approve and authorize the Director of County Health, or designee, to sign any necessary closeout documents for Grant Agreement 23-10345, including the Contractor’s Release (Attachment B); and
- d) Determine that the recommended actions do not constitute a “Project” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and are exempt pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, since the recommended actions are the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities that do not involve any

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 County Health Department (CHD) to sign the Notification of Termination acknowledgement from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for the CalFresh Healthy Living Program (CFHL). A budget revision for the amount of \$98,570 is also included to account for the remaining funds for May and June that will not be materialized.

Discussion:

The County Health Department (CHD) is seeking to approve, ratify, and authorize the Director of County Health, or designee, to sign the Notification of Termination and any other necessary closeout documents, including the Contractor's Release in accordance with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidance for the closure of the CalFresh Healthy Living Program (CFHL). The CHD is also seeking a budget revision for \$98,570, to account for the months of May and June revenue that will not be materialized.

The CFHL program is ending due to federal funding being eliminated. As a recipient of CFHL funding, CHD is required to provide the CDPH with written acknowledgement of receipt of the termination notice. Although CFHL was federally funded through the United States Department of Food and Agriculture, the program was administered by the states.

Background:

The national Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), known in California as CalFresh, was established in 1939 to address food insecurity. It aided those in need by providing monthly food benefits to individuals and families. The program evolved over the years, leading to the creation of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) in 1981, known in California as the CalFresh Healthy Living Program (CFHL). CFHL's focus was to improve nutrition education and obesity prevention, helping SNAP recipients make healthy food choices and lead active lifestyles. CFHL conducted its work through individual and group education, as well as policy, systems, and environmental change.

Locally, CFHL has served the Santa Barbara County community for over 30 years, supporting a variety of programs and initiatives, including school wellness policies, school gardens, Smarter Lunchrooms Movements (SLM), mobile farmers' markets, the Market Match Program, and Safe Routes to Schools.

On July 4, 2025, SNAP-Ed funding was eliminated through the United States House Resolution 1, effective September 30, 2025. CDPH continued to fund CFHL programs in California to support program wrap-up, with a final termination date of April 30, 2026.

The most recent CFHL grant agreement the County of Santa Barbara entered into was Grant Agreement 23-10345, covering the period from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2026. CHD is required to provide CDPH with written acknowledgement of the termination notification and conduct program close-out procedure in compliance with CDPH guidelines.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The CFHL grant funds 3.2 FTE staff positions. The termination of this agreement required CHD to find alternative funding sources for these positions for the remainder of this fiscal year and for the Recommended fiscal year (FY) 2026-27 budget. The staff were able to be redirected to other programs due to vacant positions.

Fiscal Analysis:

Signing this termination letter ends the agreement and funding for FY 2025-26 with two months remaining in the fiscal year. The adopted budget was \$592,500. The remaining funding for May and June 2026 that will no longer be realized, is \$98,750, all in Salaries and Benefits. The staff costs will be offset by other vacant, funded positions in the department. The reduction in appropriations and funding has been accounted for in the FY 2026-27 Recommended Budget.

Funding Source	FY 2025-26	Total
Federal	\$98,750	\$98,750
Total	\$98,750	\$98,750

Staffing Impacts:

The 3.2 FTEs previously funded by CFHL will be moved into other vacant, funded positions in the department.

Special Instructions:

Please return a Certified Minute Order to the County Health Contracts Unit. Please email phdcu@sbcphd.org when available for pickup.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Notification of Termination Letter for CFHL Grant Agreement 23-10345

Attachment B – Contractor’s Release

Attachment C – BJE-0011006

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