



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

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

Department Name: County Health Department
Department No.: 041
Agenda Date: February 3, 2026
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Mouhanad Hammami, County Health
Contact: Anne Carlisle, Manager, Communicable Disease Control and Prevention
SUBJECT: **Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) Workforce Development Project Grant Agreement Number 25-10623 from the California Department of Public Health**

Signed by:
Mouhanad Hammami
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County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute Grant Agreement Number 25-10623 with the California Department of Public Health to accept funding for the implementation of the Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) Workforce Development Project in the amount not to exceed \$733,761 for the grant period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030;
- b) Approve and authorize the Public Health Director to execute any future amendments to Grant Agreement Number 25-10623, so long as the amount does not exceed 10% (\$73,376) of the agreement amount and there are no significant changes in the scope of work, upon review and approval by the Auditor-Controller and County Counsel, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time;
- c) Approve and authorize the Public Health Director, or designee, to make and sign any required certifications and to make Project Representative changes in accordance with Grant Agreement Number 25-10623; 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 accept funding for the County Health Departments’ Communicable Disease Control and Prevention for fiscal year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030, in the amount of \$733,761. The California Department of Public Health has awarded these funds to assist Santa Barbara County to enhance and increase capacity of disease investigation and intervention staff.

Discussion:

Approval of the recommendations will allow County Health to receive a grant aimed at improving the Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) workforce. This funding, awarded through the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Rebate Fund, will strengthen efforts to prevent and respond to STIs, HIV, hepatitis C (HCV), and mpox in the county.

Background:

The purpose of the DIS Workforce Development Grant is to develop, expand, train, and sustain the disease investigation and intervention workforce and address our county’s prevention and response needs for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), sexually transmitted infections (STIs), hepatitis C virus (HCV), and mpox. This funding will scale prevention, increase capacity to conduct disease investigation, ensure appropriate treatment, link people to care and ongoing case management, monitor disease trends and rapidly respond to changes in disease trends and outbreaks of STIs, HIV, HCV, and mpox.

Funding is intended to support County Health’s capacity to conduct disease investigations (case investigation and contact tracing), linkage to prevention and treatment, case management and oversight, and outbreak response for STD, HIV, HCV, COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.

Performance Measure:

Performance activities and deliverables are listed in the DIS Workforce Development Grant Activities (Attachment B).

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) Workforce Development Project Grant is a continuing multi-year award. Therefore, no budget revision request is included with this board letter. Funding will be used for staff labor costs and general office supplies.

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30	Total
State	\$81,529	\$163,058	\$163,058	\$163,058	\$163,058	\$733,761
Total	\$81,529	\$163,058	\$163,058	\$163,058	\$163,058	\$733,761

Staffing Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

Please return executed Acceptance of Award and Minute Order to the County Health Contracts Unit at PHDGROUPContractsUnit@sbcphd.org

Attachments:

Attachment A - Santa Barbara – DIS Workforce Development Grant Agreement Packet

Attachment B - Santa Barbara – DIS Workforce Development Grant Activities

Attachment C – Santa Barbara – DIS Workforce Contractor Certification

Attachment D – Santa Barbara – DIS Workforce California Civil Rights Laws Attachment

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