



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: May 9, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Mouhanad Hammami, Director
Director(s) Public Health Department (805) 681-5102
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SUBJECT: Future of Public Health Funding Allocation for Public Health Workforce and Infrastructure

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:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Director of Public Health to accept an award of \$2,433,999 in Future of Public Health funding through the Budget Act of 2022 for budget year 2022-23 for public health workforce and infrastructure. These funds are considered ongoing funds and part of the ongoing baseline State budget; and
- b) Approve and authorize Budget Revision BJE 0008740 in the amount of \$635,000 to establish appropriations for \$635,000 of unanticipated revenue from California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to fund public health workforce and infrastructure for FY 2022-2023 in the County's financial system (Attachment B); and
- c) Determine that the recommended actions are not a "Project" with the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and are exempt per CEQA Guideline section 15378(b)(5), since the recommended actions are organizational or administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

Summary Text: This item is on the Agenda to request your Board authorize the Public Health Director to accept an award of \$2,433,999 in Future of Public Health funding through the Budget Act of 2022 for budget year 2022-2023, to support public health workforce and infrastructure. These funds are considered State ongoing funds and part of the baseline State budget.

Background:

On June 28, 2022 your board approved the Public Health Director to accept Workforce Development (WFD) Supplemental funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to establish, expand, train, and sustain the public health workforce in support of jurisdictional COVID-19 prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives. That funding was designated as one-time funding and covered July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

The Future of Public Health funding allocation represents ongoing funding that is now part of the State’s baseline budget. This allocation is designed to provide ongoing funds for key positions that were created through the WFD grant and other limited term State and Federal grants, i.e., Immunization, Health Equity, other Epidemiology, and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) grants. Additionally, this allocation is providing funds for key infrastructure projects in Public Health, including the Department’s transition to Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) and hardware and software necessary to enhance PHD’s data analysis, reporting, and publishing capabilities.

Performance Measure:

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 635,000.00	\$ 2,433,999.00	
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 635,000.00	\$ 2,433,999.00	\$ -

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

Accepting the Future of Public Health grant will allow the Public Health Department to transition smoothly from recent one-time infrastructure grants to an on-going funding source. One requirement of the grant is that the department spend a minimum of 70% on ordinance positions (including their indirect costs.) Positions from other one-time funding sources will be transitioning 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, and updating to the VOIP telephone system.

Since FY 2022-2023 is the first year of the grant, and it was retroactive to the beginning of the Fiscal Year, the State recognizes that the spending to expend the entire grant will be difficult to meet and therefore, is allowing a one-time rollover into FY 2023-2024. The Public Health Department will not spend the \$2,433,999 allocation for current year and will plan on rolling over the unspent amount. This is included in the department’s FY 23-24 Recommended Budget and the attached Budget Revision Request of \$635,000 represents the appropriation needed to amend the FY 22-23 Adopted Budget for current year unbudgeted estimates.

Key Contract Risks:

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

0

FTEs:

0

Special Instructions:

Please execute one (1) Minute Order for pick up by the department. Please email the PHD Contracts Unit at MFitzwilliamFigueroa@sbcphd.org when available for pick up.

Attachments:

- A. CDPH Future of Public Health Funding Award, Number FOPH-045
- B. Budget Journal Entry Number: BJE-0008740
- C. ADM CDPH WFD Grant Award Allocation for COVID-19 Response BL

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