

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency California Department of Public Health



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Dr. Henning Ansorg Health Officer County of Santa Barbara 345 Camino del Remedio Santa Barbara, CA 93110

COVID-19 AB 86 Safe Schools for All Funding Award Number: AB86-42 County of Santa Barbara Authority:

Section 311(c)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 USC 243(c)(1)

Section 7 of Chapter 10, Statutes of 2021 (AB 86)

Dear Dr. Henning Ansorg:

We are writing to invite you, or a member of your team, to participate in a state-wide public health and education sector collaborative with the California Safe Schools for All Team. Throughout the pandemic, safe schools have been a key priority in the state. They will continue to be a priority as we move into the Beyond the Blueprint phase, as schools will be one of the few settings with large unvaccinated populations. We have resources available to support schools, however the pandemic calls for unprecedented levels of collaboration—between public health, education, and community-based organizational leaders, and between local leadership on the ground and state level decision-makers. In recognition of this, AB 86 provides money to support these crucial partnerships. This letter describes the goals and structure of the collaborative, the funding provided to support participation, and the expectations for participation. We look forward to partnering with you for on this important effort.

The funding for this program is from AB 86, as described below. The goal of the funding is to allow LHJs to increase local staffing resources and partner with COEs and community-based organizations (CBO), and will facilitate bidirectional communication with state leadership, and rapid dissemination of best practices or lessons learned across counties. Goals of the initiative include increasing safety mitigation strategies and addressing barriers to in-person instruction, with specific emphasis on the most at-risk school districts. LHJs are



granted flexibility to meet needs for safety mitigation, testing, and ventilation, engagement including but not limited to educational learning activities and other wrap around services such as food, tutoring, transportation, and mental health resources.

CDPH was appropriated \$25 million out of AB 86 and will allocate \$10 million to local health jurisdictions (LHJ) and \$10 million to County Offices of Education (COE) for direct support to schools and districts within their jurisdiction. Such grants will be scaled based on population ranging from \$60,000 - \$500,000 (Attachment 1).

The reimbursement for the Safe Schools for All Team funding pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 10, Statutes of 2021 (AB 86), is to enhance public health education, engagement and mitigation strategies in schools and districts within your jurisdiction.

Funding for these activities is covered for the period beginning May 12, 2021 to June 30, 2022. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is allocating **\$200,000** to **County of Santa Barbara**.

<u>Working with other Jurisdictions</u>: LHJs are more than welcome to combine resources and create a consortium. Should you go this route, please submit only one workplan and spend plan for the consortium. We will need to know who the LHJ lead will be for the consortium as that is who CDPH will be communicating with and sending payment to.

Workplan and Spend Plan:

1. LHJs will need to complete an initial Workplan and Spend Plan by May 28, 2021. Both of these plans will be completed using an online portal. The first step to using that portal is to register using this link https://caschoolsopening.powerappsportals.us/en-US/profile/user-registration/. After your registration is validated, you will be provided access to the Safe Schools for All grants portal to submit your workplan and budget. Please note that the LHJs will initially be allowed one registrant per jurisdiction. The representative registering will be responsible for submitting the Workplan and Spend Plan. As noted in the attached implementation plan, there are many areas of potential focus. We anticipate that jurisdictions may choose to focus on a smaller number of specific areas or on many of the areas.

Your Agency should consider the following strategies when developing your Workplan and Spend Plan:

- Technical Assistance: Identification of a point of contact for schools-related technical assistance questions, so that schools know how to access school-specific LHJ assistance if needed. LHJs should provide technical assistance on risk reduction strategies and risk-mitigation efforts to COEs, Local Education Agencies (LEA), and schools. Technical assistance should focus on safety mitigation, testing, vaccines, mental health resources, equity, and ventilation. Consolidated resources and information on these topics are available through the State of California Safe Schools For All Hub, https://safe-schools-for-all-california.hub.arcgis.com/.
- Engagement: LHJs should establish ongoing planning capacity for information sharing and coordination with schools, COEs, and LEAs. This information sharing will include key stakeholders such as parents and students, community based organizations, school boards and unions.
- Public Health Education: LHJs should develop, coordinate, and disseminate information, alerts, warnings, and notifications regarding risks and self-protective measures in schools. In an effort to harmonize messaging, LHJs should coordinate communication messages, products, and programs with schools, LEAs, and COEs.
- Participation in state-wide and regional collaborative calls: LHJs will
 participate in calls with other grantees, to facilitate collaboration across
 grantees and bidirectional communication with the state's cross agency
 Safe Schools for All team. CDPH will facilitate an introductory webinar on
 May 27th at noon to provide an overview on program goals, discuss
 reporting requirements, and clarify expectations. Invitations for this
 webinar will be sent to those who register as described in step 1.
- 2. Data and Reporting Requirements: LHJs must submit quarterly progress and expenditure reports following the due dates in the table below. Such reporting will be completed online through the Safe Schools for All grants portal. Instructions for accessing that portal will be sent to those who register as described in step 1.
 - Progress Reports should outline the status of timelines, goals, and objectives within your Workplan.

- In addition, per the Legislative Joint Budget Committee, reporting should include the following quantitative metrics:
 - number of LEAs requesting technical assistance and the total number of pupils served by these LEAs,
 - number of LEAs provided with technical assistance for return to inperson education and the total number of pupils served by these LEAs,
 - o number of LEAs provided with technical assistance on outbreak mitigation (e.g. contact tracing and case investigation),
 - number of LEAs that were provided onsite consultation with the LHJ,
 and
 - o number of LEAs that had to adjust their plans based on feedback from the LHJ.
- Quarterly Expenditure Reports should reflect what has been spent against this source of funding.
- Submission of quarterly reporting should follow the dates below. The quarterly reports will be completed on the Safe Schools for All Grants Portal on the dates outlined below.

Reporting Period	Due Date
Quarter 1 (May 1, 2021 – July 31, 2021)	August 15, 2021
Quarter 2 (August 1 – October 31, 2021)	November 14, 2021
Quarter 3 (November 1, 2021 – January 31, 2022	February 13, 2022
Quarter 4 (February 1, 2022 – April 30, 2022)	May 15, 2022
Final Report (May 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022)	July 15, 2022

3. Reimbursement/Invoicing:

CDPH will reimburse your Agency for **the full allocation** outlined above upon receipt of invoice. In order to receive your allocation, please complete and submit your invoice for **your full allocation** (Attachment 2) by June 30, 2021 to SS4A-Grants@cdph.ca.gov.

Your Agency must maintain supporting documentation for any expenditures against this source of funding. Documentation should be readily available in the event of an audit or upon request from CDPH. Documentation should be maintained onsite for five years.

Thank you for the time your Agency has and will continue to invest in this response. We are hopeful that this funding will help in efforts to safely reopen and operate schools within your jurisdiction. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please reach out to <u>SS4A-Grants@cdph.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Melissa Relles

Melissa Relles Assistant Deputy Director Emergency Preparedness Office California Department of Public Health

Attachments

Attachment 1: Local Allocations Attachment 2: Invoice Template

Attachment 3: LHJ Implementation Plan

California Department of Public Health Safe Schools for All AB 86 Funding Allocation

				LHJ	COE		
County	Population		\$	10,000,000.00	\$	10,000,000.00	
Los Angeles	10,172,951	25.57%	\$	500,000.00	\$	500,000.00	
San Diego	3,343,355	8.40%	\$	400,000.00	\$	400,000.00	
Orange	3,194,332	8.03%	\$	400,000.00	\$	400,000.00	
Riverside	2,442,304	6.14%	\$	350,000.00	\$	350,000.00	
San Bernardino	2,180,537	5.48%	\$	350,000.00	\$	350,000.00	
Santa Clara	1,961,969	4.93%	\$	300,000.00	\$	300,000.00	
Alameda	1,670,834	4.20%	\$	300,000.00	\$	300,000.00	
Sacramento	1,555,365	3.91%	\$	300,000.00	\$	300,000.00	
Contra Costa	1,153,561	2.90%	\$	300,000.00	\$	300,000.00	
Fresno	1,023,358	2.57%	\$	300,000.00	\$	300,000.00	
Kern	917,553	2.31%	\$	250,000.00	\$	250,000.00	
San Francisco	897,806	2.26%	\$	250,000.00	\$	250,000.00	
Ventura	842,886	2.12%	\$	250,000.00	\$	250,000.00	
San Joaquin	773,632	1.94%	\$	250,000.00	\$	250,000.00	
San Mateo	773,244	1.94%	\$	250,000.00	\$	250,000.00	
Stanislaus	557,709	1.40%	\$	250,000.00	\$	250,000.00	
Sonoma	492,980	1.24%	\$	200,000.00	\$	200,000.00	
Tulare	479,977	1.21%	\$	200,000.00	\$	200,000.00	
Santa Barbara	451,840	1.14%	\$	200,000.00	\$	200,000.00	
Monterey	441,143	1.11%	\$	200,000.00	\$	200,000.00	
Solano	440,224	1.11%	\$	200,000.00	\$	200,000.00	
Placer	403,711	1.01%	\$	200,000.00	\$	200,000.00	
Merced	283,521	0.71%	\$	200,000.00	\$	200,000.00	
San Luis Obispo	277,259	0.70%	\$	200,000.00	\$	200,000.00	
Santa Cruz	271,233	0.68%	\$	200,000.00	\$	200,000.00	
Marin	260,831	0.66%	\$	200,000.00	\$	200,000.00	
Yolo	221,705	0.56%	\$	150,000.00	\$	150,000.00	
Butte	210,291	0.53%	\$	150,000.00	\$	150,000.00	
El Dorado	193,227	0.49%	\$	150,000.00	\$	150,000.00	
Imperial	188,777	0.47%	\$	150,000.00	\$	150,000.00	
Shasta	178,045	0.45%	\$	150,000.00	\$	150,000.00	
Madera	158,147	0.40%	\$	150,000.00	\$	150,000.00	
Kings	153,608	0.39%	\$	150,000.00	\$	150,000.00	
Napa	139,088	0.35%	\$	105,000.00	\$	105,000.00	
Humboldt	133,302	0.34%	\$	105,000.00	\$	105,000.00	
Sutter	100,750	0.25%	\$	105,000.00	\$	105,000.00	
Nevada	98,114	0.25%	\$	105,000.00	\$	105,000.00	
Mendocino	87,946	0.22%	\$	105,000.00	\$	105,000.00	
Yuba	78,887	0.20%	\$	105,000.00	\$	105,000.00	
Tehama	65,129	0.16%	\$	105,000.00	\$	105,000.00	
Lake	64,040	0.16%	\$	105,000.00	\$	105,000.00	
San Benito	62,353	0.16%	\$	105,000.00	\$	105,000.00	
Tuolumne	54,917	0.14%	\$	105,000.00	\$	105,000.00	
Calaveras	45,023	0.11%	\$	60,000.00	\$	60,000.00	
Siskiyou	44,461	0.11%	\$	60,000.00	\$	60,000.00	
Amador	37,676	0.09%	\$	60,000.00	\$	60,000.00	
Glenn	29,400	0.07%	\$	60,000.00	\$	60,000.00	

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			LHJ	COE
County	Population		\$ 10,000,000.00	\$ 10,000,000.00
<u>Lassen</u>	28,833	0.07%	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
<u>Del Norte</u>	27,298	0.07%	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
<u>Colusa</u>	21,902	0.06%	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
<u>Inyo</u>	18,584	0.05%	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
<u>Plumas</u>	18,260	0.05%	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
<u>Mariposa</u>	18,067	0.05%	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
<u>Trinity</u>	13,548	0.03%	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
<u>Mono</u>	13,464	0.03%	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Modoc	9,570	0.02%	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
<u>Sierra</u>	3,201	0.01%	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
<u>Alpine</u>	1,142	0.00%	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Totals	39,782,870		\$ 10,000,000.00	\$ 10,000,000.00

Attachment 2 AB 86 SS4A INVOICE

California Department of Public Health					Date:		
Emergency Preparedness Office Email Scanned Copy to: SS4A-Grants@cdph.ca.gov		County Name/Address (to send warrant) [] Check if remittance address changed since last Invoice					
Contract Number: SS4A-XX	_						
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and in compliance with all terms/conditions, laws,				1.5	-	-	_

EPO Use Only					
Service Location:	50190	Please Pay:	\$	-	

Signature and Date of Authorized Representative

State Certification: I hereby certify that the above referenced local health department has met all requirements for submission of its application, related documents, and certifications and is eligible to receive this payment. The application, related documents, approvals, and requests for payment are maintained by CDPH, Emergency Preparedness Office, for five (5) years for audit purposes as required by the State Controller's Office.

Signature

Melissa Relles, Assistant Deputy Director Emergency Preparedness Office California Department of Public Health

Safe Schools for All Local Health Jurisdiction Implementation Plan

Strategy 1: LHJ to enhance public health education, engagement and mitigation strategies in schools and districts

LHJ will partner directly with County Offices of Education to support schools and districts on COVID-19 mitigation activities in an effort to safely reopen and operate schools. Funding activities are divided over four strategies in the table below.

	Technical Assistance	Engagement	Public Health Education	Reporting
Summary of Key Topics & Stakeholders	 Safety mitigation Masking Testing Vaccines Mental Health Resources Equity Ventilation Contact tracing, isolation and quarantine 	 COE, LEA, and Schools Parents & Students Community Based Organizations School Boards & Unions 	 Safety mitigation Masking Testing Vaccines Mental Health Resources Equity Ventilation Contact tracing, isolation and quarantine 	 Quarterly progress reports Quarterly budget reports
Specific Activities	 Provide TA on risk-reduction strategies and risk-mitigation efforts to COEs, LEAs, and schools Provide materials and facilitate training designed to improve the schools reopening. Focus on infection prevention and control strategies 	Establish ongoing planning capacity for information sharing and coordination with schools/COE/LEAs	 Develop, coordinate, and disseminate information regarding risks and self-protective measures in schools Coordinate communication messages, products, and programs with schools/LEAs/COEs to harmonize messaging 	See list of reporting requirements below based on Legislative Joint Committee requirements

Per AB86, CDPH is allocating \$10M to local health departments to strengthen the local programs for supporting the reopening of schools and in-person instruction. Local health departments will need to increase their capacity in health and safety measures, education, and community engagement with schools that are experiencing difficulties reopening for in-person instruction. These activities also require adequate planning and coordination at the local level to address testing, ventilation, vaccines, and other mitigation strategies. The funds will allow the counties to increase local staffing resources and partner with County Offices of Education

and community organizations to increase safety mitigation strategies, outreach and education, and address barriers specific to their most at-risk school districts. Specifically, LHJ will address health disparities by focusing on schools that have high rates of free and reduced price lunch, English language learners, homeless students, and students with disabilities.

Local jurisdictions are granted flexibility to meet needs for safety mitigation, testing, ventilation, including educational learning activities and other wrap around services such as food, tutoring, transportation, mental health resources, etc. Local health jurisdictions will be required to work with COEs and community-based organizations, and other stakeholders to ensure that schools and districts that are unable to safely open for in-person instruction have the support they need to open. LHJ personnel working in this role will participate in structured planning activities with the Safe Schools for All State Team, LHJs and COEs across the state to facilitate learning and rapid dissemination of information.

LHJs will work with COE/LEAs to move forward the following priorities:

- Planning to offer full in-person instruction next school year.
- Communicating with and educating families who may be reluctant to return to inperson instruction.
- Maximizing the value of instructional time, through expanded mental health services and high-dose academic interventions, such as tutoring.
- Maximizing the amount of instructional time, through an extended school year and/or before/after school.
- Summer programming, including in partnership with service providers who can help supplement school staff.

A total of 10 million in grants will be allocated to LHJ based on population ranging from: \$60,000 - \$500,000. Funds are intended for use through June 30, 2022 but are available through June 30, 2023.

CDPH Quarterly Reporting Requirements:

- How are LHJs providing ongoing support (beyond outbreak mitigation) to LEAs once the school has opened. In what area or initiative did the grantee spend most of their programmatic time over the past quarter (e.g., testing, vaccination, hands on technical assistance, etc.)?
- Number of LEAs requesting technical assistance
 - Reminder: Categories will be included below: equity, ventilation, mental health, etc
- Number of LEAs provided with technical assistance for school reopening
- Number of LEAs provided with technical assistance by mitigation topic (e.g. contact tracing, testing, vaccination, mental health, equity, etc.)
- Number of LEAs that had to adjust their plans based on feedback from the LHJ
- Number of LEAs provided with technical assistance on outbreak management (e.g. contact tracing and case investigation)

- Number of LEAs that were provided onsite consultation with the LHJ
- Number of LEAs with testing programs

CDPH Role:

- Access to ongoing trainings through UCSF and UCLA
- Regional convenings between COEs and LHJ
- Share relevant communications tools developed through state initiatives
- Learning collaborative, bringing together 58 LHJ and COES periodically (weekly or every other week) to provide them with key updates and information.
- Learning collaborative by regions or county type (e.g., rural, urban) as appropriate to share lessons learned, promising practices, and Q&A.
- Policy, guidance, science and data updates.