



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: June 22, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD
Director Public Health Department
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ELC Program Manager
SUBJECT: COVID-19 AB 86 Safe Schools for All (SS4A) allocation for COVID-19 Activities during FYs 2021/2022

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Public Health Department Director to accept and receive, and to make required certifications, for funding to expand Santa Barbara County Public Health Department's capacity to support school safety through the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) from AB-86 COVID-19 relief and school reopening, reporting, and public health requirements for the period of May 12, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$200,000; and
- b) Determine that the above recommended action is not a "Project" with the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and is exempt per CEQA Guideline section 15378(b)(4), since the recommended action is a government fiscal activity which does 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 authorize the Public Health Department (Department) to accept an allocation from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Award Number AB86-42 (Attachment A), and to make any required certifications necessary to receive the funds. This funding comes from the State of California to increase Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ) staffing to provide critical technical assistance to the County Office of Education, local school districts, and individual schools in support of in-person education. This allocation can be used to increase technical assistance, education stakeholder engagement, and public health education.

Background:

Through Assembly Bill 86 (2021) (AB86) the California State Legislature has expressed the intent that local education agencies offer in-person education to the greatest extent possible. The Public Health Department has worked in coordination with the County Office of Education, local school districts, and individual schools to provide technical assistance throughout the course of the pandemic. AB86 funding will allow the Department to continue, and to increase, this support for the 2021/2022 school year. AB86 funds will be used to hire one Extra-Help Nurse to provide infection prevention technical assistance and stakeholder engagement and one Extra-Help Health Education Associate to develop and deliver public health education specific to in-person education.

Performance Measure:

CDPH requires that PHD develop and submit a work plan and a spend plan for the funds. PHD must report on progress, activities, and expenditures on a quarterly basis. Specific required performance measures will be reported through the Safe Schools for All Grants Portal; specific quantitative metrics are:

- Number of Local Education Agencies (LEA) requesting technical assistance and the total number of pupils served by these LEAs
- Number of LEAs provided with technical assistance for return to in-person education and the total number of pupils served by these LEAs
- 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
- Number of LEAs that had to adjust their plans based on feedback from the LHJ

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Approving and authorizing the Public Health Director to accept this allocation will provide funding for the Department’s efforts to support the local education system in returning to in-person education during the 2021/2022 school year. Funding in the amount of \$200,000 which represents 100% of the total award will be advanced by CDPH upon invoicing by the Department and it is anticipated to be received in July 2021. The Department will return to your Board with a Budget Revision request in FY 2021-22 to amend the FY 20201/2022 Adopted Budget and add \$200,000 to Salaries and Benefits to cover the costs of the new Extra-Help Nurse and Extra-Help Health Education Associate.

This action will not result in the need for any additional facilities.

Key Contract Risks:

N/A

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

2 Extra Help

Special Instructions:

Please return an electronic copy of the Minute Order and an electronic copy of the fully executed Salary Resolution to the PHD Contracts Unit at Kelly.Lazarus@sbcpd.org.

Attachments:

- A. CDPH Allocation Award Letter AB86-42

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