

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

February 6, 2024

FROM

JOSHUA DUGAS, Director, Department of Public Health

SUBJECT

Grant Award from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure Grant Program

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Accept Grant Award (**County Contract No. 24-132**) (Grant Award No. 5 NE11OE000070 02-00) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure Grant Program, in the amount of \$1,688,651, for the period of December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024.

(Presenter: Joshua Dugas, Director, 387-9146)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This item does not require Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The award in the amount of \$1,688,651 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure Grant Program funding does not require a local match. The award provides funding to strengthen the public health workforce. Adequate appropriation and revenue have been included in the Department of Public Health's (DPH) 2023-24 budget and will be included in future recommended budgets.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The recent pandemic brought to light the critical importance of creating a robust public health system by building a stronger infrastructure to serve immediate needs in responding to and being prepared for future public health emergencies.

On June 2022, the CDC posted the Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems funding opportunity (also referred to as the Public Health Infrastructure Grant Program) for various entities, including county governments. The Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure Grant Program includes two components: Strategy A1 Workforce and Strategy A2 Foundational Capabilities.

On August 9, 2022 (Item No. 34), the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved and authorized the submission of a DPH grant application to the CDC for the Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure Grant Program for the Strategy A1 Workforce component, in the amount of \$33,018,272, for the period of December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2027.

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On February 28, 2023 (Item No. 43), the Board approved Agreement No. 23-153 (Grant Award No. 1 NE11OE000070-01-00) from the CDC for Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure Grant Program for the Strategy A1 Workforce component to support core infrastructure improvements, in the amount of \$20,715,347, for the period of December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2027.

On July 11, 2023 (Item No. 31), the Board approved Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 23-153 (Grant Award No. 6 NE11OE000070-01-01) for the CDC's Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure Grant Program for the Strategy A1 Workforce component, allowing for the reallocation of the budget between line items, with no change to the amount of \$20,715,347 or the period of December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2027.

On July 27, 2023, the CDC released the 2023 Non-Competing Continuation (NCC) Progress Report forms and completion instructions for the CDC's Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure Grant Program Strategy A2 Foundational Capabilities component. On September 26, 2023 (Item No. 52) the Board approved and authorized the submission of the 2023 NCC Progress Report Year 2 to the CDC in order to be eligible for funding for the Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure Grant Program Strategy A2 Foundational Capabilities component, in the amount of \$1,688,651, for the period of December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024.

On November 29, 2023, DPH was awarded funding (Grant Award No. 5 NE11OE000070-02-00) from the CDC for Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure Grant Program Strategy A2 Foundational Capabilities component, in the amount of \$1,688,651, for the period of December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024.

The Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure Grant Program Strategy A2 Foundational Capabilities component supports continued improvements to San Bernardino County's public health infrastructure and helps strengthen the response to current and future public health emergencies. For example, DPH will use this funding to help meet critical needs, including expanding the workforce; making system improvements for performance management; procuring two mobile medical clinics to provide clinic care and public health services; and facilitating Public Health reaccreditation. Investments in these areas will allow DPH to better serve and support those who work, play, and live in San Bernardino county.

This item is being presented at this time as this is the first date available for presentation following the required operational, fiscal, and legal reviews. Approval at this time will have no impact on program services and activities.

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Adam Ebright, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on January 18, 2024; Finance (Iliana Rodriguez, Administrative Analyst, 387-4204) on January 23, 2024; and County Finance and Administration (Robert Saldana, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on January 23, 2024.

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Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors
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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Joe Baca, Jr. Seconded: Curt Hagman

Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: February 6, 2024



cc: PH - Edwards w/agree
Contractor - c/o PH w/agree
File - w/agree

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