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## Allocation Letter

March 29, 2024

TO: ELIGIBLE CALIFORNIA LOCAL HEALTH JURISDICTIONS (LHJs)

SUBJECT: \$9M HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV) PREVENTION AND COLLABORATION ALLOCATIONS

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control Branch (STDCB) is pleased to announce the intent to award state general funds to LHJs to support HCV prevention and control activities. The full funding amounts of these allocations will be available to spend once all allocation agreement documents are signed and available for carryover and expenditure through June 30, 2028.

The 2023 Budget Act ([AB 102, Chapter 38, Statutes of 2023](#)) authorized a one-time \$9 million investment available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2028 to support investments to end the epidemic of hepatitis C pursuant to [California Health and Safety Code \(HSC\) Section 122440](#). These funds must be used for the implementation of public health activities related to monitoring, prevention, testing, and linkage to and retention in care activities for the most vulnerable and underserved individuals living with, or at high risk for, hepatitis C infection in collaboration with community-based organizations (CBOs) within the local health jurisdiction.

Fifty percent of funds allocated to LHJs shall be provided to, or used to support activities in partnership with, CBOs, provided that there are CBOs in the jurisdiction that can conduct the activities and provide these services consistent with HSC 122440. LHJ support for local CBO partners may include, but is not limited to, direct funding through subcontracts or in-kind support through staffing, purchasing supplies, and other forms of in-kind support. See attached table for detail on the CBO amount by jurisdiction.

A summary of the funding allocation process, including the final allocation amounts for the LHJs, webinar recordings, and Reference Guide are available at: [STI/HCV Local Assistance Funding](#) SharePoint. The SharePoint also includes an [Allowable Use of Funds](#) guide with examples of allowable forms of in-kind support.

LHJs will be required to prepare and submit a workplan each year along with a program budget; templates are available at: [STI/HCV Local Assistance Funding](#) SharePoint.



LHJs will indicate in their workplans and program budgets the activities they plan to conduct during the given budget period, including which budget items will support CBOs. LHJs will also be required to submit data and reporting on allocation activities conducted and related outcomes according to the timeline in the table below.

**Table 1: Frequency, Deadlines, and Recipients for HCV Allocation Reporting**

| Frequency   | Report Deadlines   | Report Recipient   |
|---|--|--|
| Semi-Annual<br>(Narrative summary reports and quantitative data tables)   | February 15 <sup>th</sup><br><br>August 15 <sup>th</sup> | <a href="mailto:STDLHJContracts@cdph.ca.gov">STDLHJContracts@cdph.ca.gov</a>   |
| Ongoing<br>(Case Closure for Acute Hepatitis C and Perinatal Hepatitis C) | Ongoing, within 60 days of the episode date <sup>1</sup> | CalREDIE or other CDPH-developed data system, or by other means per agreement between the local STD Control Officer and the STDCB. |

LHJs must adhere to their workplan and any subsequent revisions, along with all instructions included in the HCV Prevention and Collaboration Reference Guide, policy memoranda, or directives issued by CDPH-STDCB. CDPH-STDCB will make any changes and/or additions to these guidelines in writing and, whenever possible, notification of such changes will be made 30 days prior to implementation.

In order to receive these funds, the LHJ must return the following documents no later than close of business **June 15, 2024**, via email to [STDLHJContracts@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:STDLHJContracts@cdph.ca.gov) with a cc to [Michelle.Bull@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:Michelle.Bull@cdph.ca.gov).

- Include the name of your local jurisdiction in the subject line to help us easily identify which LHJ you represent (*County of XXXX –\$9M HCV Prevention and Collaboration Allocation*).
- 1. LHJ Program Contact Information**
  - 2. Acceptance of Award**
  - 3. Annual Workplan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025\***
    - a. Complete the workplan in [Qualtrics](#); see PDF attached for reference.
  - 4. Budget for FY 2024-2025 through FY 2027-2028**

Download the budget template from the [STI/HCV Local Assistance Funding](#) SharePoint site

<sup>1</sup> Perinatal HCV incidents in CalREDIE should be closed with a Resolution Status of 'Suspect' after case investigation and follow-up has been completed within 60 days until laboratory results are available for final case classification

*\*Note: The workplans are due for future FYs as follows:*

- *FY 2025-2026 due by March 28, 2025*
- *FY 2026-2027 due by April 3, 2026*
- *FY 2027-2028 due by April 2, 2027*

The HCV Prevention and Collaboration Allocations webinar has been scheduled for **Wednesday, April 3, 2024 from 10:00 – 11:30am.**

### **Zoom Meeting Information**

**Link:** <https://cdph-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/87627231942>

**Meeting ID:** 876 2723 1942

**Meeting Passcode:** *(Only users who have the invite link can join the meeting)*

During the webinar, STDCB will provide an overview of the HCV allocations, including background, goals of the funding, LHJ funding allocation information, workplan activities, and anticipated next steps and timeline. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer period. Please forward this letter and webinar invitation to other staff in your jurisdiction that should participate in the webinar. The webinar meeting will be recorded for those unable to attend and posted to the [STI/HCV Local Assistance Funding](#) SharePoint site.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email your Local Assistance Funding Specialist (LAFS) Michelle Bull ([Michelle.Bull@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:Michelle.Bull@cdph.ca.gov)) with a cc to your Regional Capacity Building Coordinator and Jasmin Delgado ([Jasmin.Delgado@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:Jasmin.Delgado@cdph.ca.gov)).

Sincerely,



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STD Control Branch

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## ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD

### County of San Bernardino Public Health Department

**Allocation Award Number:** 24-HCV29

**Allocation Amount:** \$1,154,705.00

**Allocation Funding Period:** July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028

I hereby accept this allocation. By accepting this allocation, I agree to the requirements as described in the 2024 – 2028 \$9M HCV Prevention and Collaboration Allocations Reference Guide and any other conditions stipulated by the California Department of Public Health, Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control Branch.

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Authorized Signature

Dawn Rowe

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Print Name

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Chair, Board of Supervisors

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