

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

June 9, 2026

FROM

JANKI PATEL, Acting Director, Department of Public Health

SUBJECT

Contract for Medical Care and Support Services under the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A HIV Emergency Relief Project Grants

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Approve **Contract No. 26-504** with Loma Linda University, including non-standard terms, to provide medical care and support services under the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A HIV Emergency Relief Project Grants, in an amount not-to-exceed \$536,876, for the period of March 1, 2026 through February 29, 2028.

(Presenter: Janki Patel, Acting Director, 387-9146)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The recommended not-to-exceed contract amount of \$536,876 will be fully funded through reimbursements from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A HIV Emergency Relief Project Grants (Ryan White Part A) and Minority AIDS Initiative funding. Adequate appropriation and revenue have been included in the Department of Public Health's (DPH) 2025-26 budget and will be included in DPH's future recommended budgets.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

DPH has received funding from HRSA for the Ryan White Part A Program since 1994. Acting as the lead agency for the Transitional Grant Area of San Bernardino and Riverside counties, DPH oversees and administers the grant funds and assures compliance with grant requirements. DPH awards Ryan White Part A funding to contractors to provide a comprehensive continuum of high quality, community-based medical care, and support services for low-income individuals with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and their families. The Inland Empire HIV Planning Council (IEHPC) is the planning body appointed by the Board of Supervisors and mandated by Federal law to set service priorities for funding allocations for the Ryan White Part A Program. DPH follows the IEHPC service priorities and funding allocations, which includes predetermined percentages and service categories, to calculate the amounts that are awarded for Ryan White Part A service contracts.

In 2024-25, Ryan White Part A contractors served approximately 3,450 clients in San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

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Approval of the recommended Contract would support the continued provision of Ryan White Part A services for persons living with HIV/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) in San Bernardino and Riverside counties. Contractor performance will be measured by review of monthly reporting, review of required data submissions, and an annual site visit by County staff to monitor compliance with the administrative, program, and fiscal terms and conditions of the contract, with special attention to the Ryan White Part A payer of last resort requirement.

Contracted services will include mental health services, dental care, substance abuse treatment, medical nutrition therapy, early intervention services, case management, transportation, psychosocial support, emergency financial assistance, housing and food assistance.

The recommended Contract includes non-standard terms that differ from the standard County contract terms:

1. Payment terms are Net 30 days.
 - County standard payment terms are Net 60 days.
 - Potential Impact: County standard processing time is 60 days or more. Failing to pay timely may result in a material breach of the Agreement, which could allow the agency to terminate the Agreement and seek other legal remedies, which could include costs that exceed the Agreement amount.
 2. The Contract does not require Loma Linda University to indemnify the County for all claims arising out of the contract.
 - The County standard contract indemnity provision requires the Contractor to indemnify, defend, and hold County harmless from all third-party claims arising out of the acts, errors or omissions of any person.
 - Potential Impact: Loma Linda University is not required to defend, indemnify or hold the County harmless from claims arising from the County's own acts or omissions which may arise during the performance of the contract. If the County is sued for any claim arising out of a County action, the County may be solely liable for the costs of defense and damages, which could exceed the total contract amount.
 3. The Contract does not include certain standard County insurance requirements, including that the County be named as an additional insured.
 - The County standard contract requires contractors to carry appropriate insurance at limits and under conditions determined by the County's Risk Management Department.
 - Potential Impact: Without being named as an additional insured, the County may be prohibited from submitting a legitimate claim against Loma Linda University policies, which could result in expenses that exceed the total Agreement amount.
- 2 Code of Federal Regulations section 200.305 requires pass-through entities to make reimbursement payments within 30 days of the payment request. DPH recommends approval of the agreements, including the non-standard terms, to continue awarding Ryan White Part A funding, while ensuring compliance with federal funding requirements.

The Contract with Loma Linda University is presented at this time as this is the first available date following the completion of contract negotiations and the required operational, fiscal and legal reviews. Approval at this time will not impact DPH's Ryan White Program services or

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activities. The retroactive Contract term of March 1, 2026 through February 29, 2028 preserves alignment with the other awarded contractors, as well as the grant funding period for Ryan White Part A.

PROCUREMENT

In accordance with County Policy 11-01, the County Administrative Office approved and authorized the release of Request for Proposals (RFP) No. DPHE26-ASP-6184 with the Purchasing Department on December 2, 2025, to solicit proposals from interested and qualified agencies to provide medical care and support services under Ryan White Part A for a maximum period of three years, with two additional one-year options to extend, subject to the availability of funding appropriate for each fiscal year. The RFP was posted on the San Bernardino County Electronic Procurement Network.

Nine proposals were received by the established deadline in response to the RFP. Proposals from the nine agencies listed below met the minimum requirement and continued through the evaluation process.

Proposer Name	Location
AIDS Healthcare Foundation	Los Angeles, CA
Community Health Systems	Moreno Valley, CA
County of Riverside, Department of Public Health dba Riverside University Health System – Public Health	Riverside, CA
Desert AIDS Project dba DAP Health	Palm Springs, CA
Foothill AIDS Project	Claremont, CA
Loma Linda University	Loma Linda, CA
SAC Health	San Bernardino, CA
Young Scholars for Academic Empowerment dba TruEvolution	Riverside, CA
Wellness and Equity Institute	Scotts Valley, CA

The evaluation panel, with representation from DPH and the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector, reviewed and evaluated the proposals based on the criteria listed in the RFP. The criteria included: qualifications/experience, financial stability, scope of work, proposed budget, and references.

Based on the evaluation criteria, the evaluation panel determined that all nine agencies would best meet the needs of the County. Award letters were sent to all responsible and responsive proposers on February 2, 2026.

On February 24, 2026 (Item No. 30), the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved contracts with AIDS Healthcare Foundation (Contract No. 26-106), Community Health Systems (Contract No. 26-107), Desert AIDS Project dba DAP Health (Contract No. 26-108), Foothill AIDS Project (Contract No. 26-109), SAC Health System (Contract No. 26-110), Wellness and Equity Institute (Contract No. 26-111) and Young Scholars for Academic Empowerment dba TruEvolution (Contract No. 26-112) in the aggregate, not to exceed amount of \$12,150,926, for the period of March 1, 2026 through February 29, 2028.

On May 5, 2026, (Item No. 52), the Board approved a contract with the County of Riverside, Department of Public Health dba Riverside University Health System – Public Health (Contract

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No.26-333) in an amount, not to exceed, \$1,433,078, for the period of March 1, 2026 through February 29, 2028.

Purchasing supports this competitive procurement based on the formal solicitation described above.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Adam Ebright, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on May 15, 2026; Risk Management (Stephanie Pacheco, Staff Analyst II, 386-9044) on May 19, 2026; Purchasing (Ariel Gill, Supervising Buyer, 387-2070) on May 15, 2026; and County Finance and Administration (Iliana Rodriguez, Administrative Analyst, 386-8392) on May 20, 2026.

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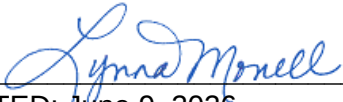
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San Bernardino County

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: June 9, 2026



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

JLL 06/30/2026