



# San Bernardino County

## Legislation Text

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

**November 16, 2021**

#### **FROM**

**JOSHUA DUGAS, Director, Department of Public Health**

#### **SUBJECT**

Grant Awards from the California Department of Public Health for the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Program and the Black Infant Health Program

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

1. Accept grant awards (State Agreement No. 202136) from the California Department of Public Health for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, for the following programs:
  - a. Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Program, in the amount of \$830,907.
  - b. Black Infant Health Program, in the amount of \$1,418,738.
2. Designate the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Chief Executive Officer, or Director of the Department of Public Health to execute and submit any subsequent non-substantive amendments to the grant awards on behalf of the County, subject to review by County Counsel.
3. Direct the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Chief Executive Officer, or Director of the Department of Public Health to transmit all non-substantive amendments in relation to the grant awards to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within 30 days of execution.

(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 impact Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The grant funding from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Program, in the amount of \$830,907, and the Black Infant Health (BIH) Program, in the amount of \$1,418,738, consists of federal Title V, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Program (part of Title V), State General Fund, and federal Title XIX funds. The MCAH Program includes a local match of \$496,211, and the BIH Program includes a local match of \$198,818, which will be met with 1991 Realignment funds. Adequate appropriation and revenue have been included in the Department of Public Health's (DPH) 2021-22 budget.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

CDPH provides noncompetitive funding for the MCAH and BIH Programs to local health departments to promote healthy living for mothers and their families through a focus on the comprehensive health, physical, and psychosocial needs of the maternal, child, and adolescent health population. DPH has received funding

for the MCAH Program since 1987, and the BIH Program from 1990 through 2010 and again beginning in 2014. In 2021-22, DPH anticipates the MCAH Program will provide services to approximately 27,348 pregnant and parenting women and their children and families countywide at an estimated cost of \$30 per individual, and the BIH Program will provide services to up to 282 African-American women countywide, at an estimated annual cost of \$5,031 per individual.

Through the MCAH Program, DPH performs population-based, core public health functions, including assessment, policy development, and health improvement. Program staff collaborate with healthcare providers, community-based agencies, and community groups and members to identify health issues that affect women, infants, and children and develop best practices and interventions that will increase and expand access to care for mothers and children, especially those with low income or limited access to services. Further, the MCAH Program promotes the need for appropriate levels of care to improve pregnancy outcomes and reduce maternal and infant morbidity and mortality.

The BIH Program is designed to meet the health-related needs of pregnant and postpartum African-American women through a State standardized model that features group intervention to encourage empowerment and social support in the context of a life course perspective and through social service case management to link clients with the needed community and health related services.

On October 5, 2021 (Item No. 40), the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the submission of the combined agreement funding application for the MCAH (\$830,907) and BIH (\$1,418,738) programs, for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

On October 11, 2021, DPH received approval from CDPH of the combined MCAH and BIH agreement funding application with final budget documents for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This item is being presented at this time, as this is the first available date following the required operational, fiscal, and legal reviews. Approval by the Board at this time will not impact DPH's MCAH and BIH services or activities.

## **PROCUREMENT**

N/A

## **REVIEW BY OTHERS**

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Adam Ebright, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on October 28, 2021; Finance (Paul Garcia, Administrative Analyst, 386-8392) on October 29, 2021; and County Finance and Administration (Cheryl Adams, Deputy Executive Officer, 388-0238) on October 29, 2021.