



# 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 Award from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Center Program for American Rescue Plan - Health Center Infrastructure Support Funding

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

1. Approve grant award (Award No. 1C8ECS44831-01-00) from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, in the amount of \$165,230, for American Rescue Plan - Health Center Infrastructure Support Funding to be utilized to purchase equipment to enhance the Department of Public Health's health center services, for the period of September 15, 2021 through September 14, 2024.
2. Designate the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Chief Executive Officer, or Director of the Department of Public Health to accept any non-substantive amendments to the grant award, 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 award 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.**

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

This item does not impact Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The grant award in the amount of \$165,230 from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for one-time American Rescue Plan - Health Center Infrastructure Support funding does not require a local match. Approval of the necessary budget adjustments to the Department of Public Health's (DPH) 2021-22 budget is not requested at this time, but will be included on a future quarterly countywide budget report presented to the Board of Supervisors (Board) for approval. Adequate appropriation and revenue will be included in future recommended budgets.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

HRSA is providing American Rescue Plan - Health Center Infrastructure Support funding to local health jurisdictions with existing health centers receiving Health Center Program operational support. DPH will use

the one-time funding to purchasing equipment to improve the delivery of dental services to patients and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The equipment to be purchased will enhance health center services by providing social distancing, additional tools/equipment for sterilizing, and safer furnishing for patients and health center personnel.

The Health Center Program provides a variety of services to San Bernardino County residents, such as operational support for DPH four Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) located in Adelanto, Hesperia, Ontario, and San Bernardino. DPH intends to purchase equipment for the Hesperia, Ontario, and San Bernardino Health Centers. Purchases will include equipment such as dental digital x-ray sensors, steam sterilizer, operating microscopes, and required equipment accessories; multifunction copy machines; and furnishings and minor equipment for lobbies and staff areas.

On June 22, 2021 (Item No. 59), the Board approved the submission of the application to HRSA for the American Rescue Plan - Health Center Construction and Capital Improvement for the Infrastructure Support funding to support construction, expansion, alteration, renovations, and other capital improvements to enhance and expand health care infrastructure, in the amount of \$165,230.

On September 27, 2021, DPH received the notice of award (Award No. 1C8ECS44831-01-00) from HRSA for the American Rescue Plan - Infrastructure Support funding, in the amount of \$165,230, for the period of September 15, 2021 through September 14, 2024.

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 health center 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 26, 2021; Finance (Paul Garcia, Administrative Analyst, 386-8392) on October 19, 2021; and County Finance and Administration (Cheryl Adams, Deputy Executive Officer, 388-0238) on October 26, 2021.