



San Bernardino County

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

December 7, 2021

FROM

JOSHUA DUGAS, Director, Department of Public Health

SUBJECT

Grant Award from the California Department of Public Health for Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Activities

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Accept a grant award (State Award No. 2136BASE00/2136FSIE00) from the California Department of Public Health, Tuberculosis Control Branch, in the amount of \$384,121, for continued support of tuberculosis prevention and control activities, for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
2. Designate the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Chief Executive Officer, or Director of the Department of Public Health to execute any subsequent non-substantive amendments in relation 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 documents and amendments in relation to this 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 and Stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This item does not impact Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Tuberculosis (TB) Control Branch does not require a local match for this grant award. The total grant award of \$384,121 consists of a base award (\$362,451) and food, shelter, incentives, and enablers (FSIE) allocation (\$21,670) and is comprised of federal and state funding. Adequate appropriation and revenue have been included in the Department of Public Health's (DPH) 2021-22 budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

DPH continues to receive reports of suspected and confirmed cases of TB, a highly infectious disease that can cause serious illness, including death. More than 986 investigations of suspected TB cases were conducted in calendar year 2020 resulting in 46 cases of active TB identified in San Bernardino County. TB is second only to HIV/AIDS as the greatest killer worldwide due to a single infectious agent. Inadequately treated TB can cause multi-drug resistant TB, which costs thousands of dollars and takes 18 to 24 months to cure. DPH staff serve as resources and consultants to physicians and hospitals regarding the treatment and management of confirmed and suspected cases of TB and their contacts.

The grant award from the CDPH TB Control Branch supports DPH's efforts to control the spread of TB countywide. DPH has received this funding since 1948 and will use it to maintain TB control standards, investigate reported and suspected cases of TB, provide direct observed therapy, enhance treatment compliance, offer alternative housing for persons with infectious TB to increase successful follow-up treatment, complete state reporting requirements, and use less restrictive alternatives to decrease the need for detention of TB patients.

On April 20, 2021, the County Administrative Office approved the submission of the grant application to the CDPH TB Control Branch for TB base award funding, in the amount of \$362,451, for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The FSIE funds in the amount of \$21,670 are an allocation, which is not part of the grant application process, and included by CDPH as part of the total award for TB prevention and control activities. The base award must be used exclusively for TB related activities. The FSIE allocation must be used to provide services that include measures to enhance compliance, prevent homelessness, and allow for the use of less restrictive alternatives to decrease or prevent the need for detention.

On June 7, 2021, DPH received notification of the grant award (State Award No. 2136BASE00/2136FSIE00) from the CDPH TB Control Branch, in the amount of \$384,121, for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. During this same time, DPH experienced a change in personnel due to the retirement of key leadership staff in its TB Program, which resulted in CDPH's award notification not being sent to appropriate DPH staff until October 21, 2021. DPH was granted an extension by CDPH to submit the Board of Supervisors' approved grant award by December 8, 2021.

This item is being presented at this time due to the change in personnel and the time necessary for new leadership to become acclimated to the TB Program funding requirements, followed by the completion of the required operational, fiscal, and legal reviews. DPH has strengthened and improved program communication procedures for future items. Approval at this time will have no impact on DPH's TB prevention and control activities.

PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Adam Ebright, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on November 9, 2021; Finance (Paul Garcia, Administrative Analyst, 386-8392) on November 8, 2021; and County Finance and Administration (Cheryl Adams, Deputy Executive Officer, 388-0238) on November 8, 2021.