



Health & Human Services Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: August 27, 2024

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	Yes

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SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with Altura Centers for Health

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Altura Centers for Health to provide core sexually transmitted disease surveillance and disease intervention services, in an amount not to exceed \$171,956, retroactive from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026. This agreement is retroactive due to the time required to review and update the Scope of Work to align with grant guidelines; making it impracticable for the Board to take action prior to July 1, 2024.
2. Find that the Board had the authority to approve the agreement as of July 1, 2024, and that it was in the County's best interest to approve the agreement on that date.
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the agreement.

SUMMARY:

In January 2024, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) awarded funding for two (2) years to the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency's (HHSA) Public Health Branch. The purpose of this funding is 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, Sexually Transmitted Infections in collaboration with community-based organizations (CBOs) providing services within Tulare County. This funding combines the previous Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) Core and STD Prevention and Collaboration allocations authorized by California Health and Safety Code (H&SC) Section 120511, in which no less than 50% of the Collaboration funds shall be provided to one or more CBOs.

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Tulare County HHSA collaborates with Altura Centers for Health of Tulare County, a community partner for this program, to provide STD Prevention and Collaboration services and activities, but is not limited to voluntary screening for STDs among justice-involved youth and adults; technology, telehealth, and digital platforms and applications to enhance immediate access to screening, testing and treatment; state-of-the-art testing modalities that ensure swift and accurate screening for and diagnosis of, STDs, and community-based testing and disease investigation.

This agreement did not go through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process because it is for the continuation of services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The budgeted cost associated with this agreement is in an amount not to exceed \$171,956 for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026. The program's expenses and revenues will be included in the HHSA's budget unit 001-142-6064-7043 for Fiscal Years 2024/2025 and 2025/2026. An amount of \$85,978 will be allocated for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and Fiscal Year 2025/2026. This agreement is funded by the California Department of Public Health, STD Prevention, and Collaboration grant allocation. There is no net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life Initiative that encourages the innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk adults, youth and children in state and federally-mandated programs. This agreement increases the ability to fulfill this obligation by assisting those in our community who have no other source of care and are in the at-risk category by linking them to services and providing non-medical case management.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/ Karen Elliott

Karen Elliott

Director of Public Health

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Agreement