



Health & Human Services Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: October 24, 2023

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 the acceptance of funds from the California Department of Public Health

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the acceptance of funds from the California Department of Public Health, Tuberculosis Control Branch, for the Uniting for Ukraine program to support Tuberculosis prevention and control within the Ukrainian population, in an amount not to exceed \$14,250, retroactive from July 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023. This award is retroactive due to the delay in receiving the funding allocation from the state, making it impracticable for the Board to take action before July 1, 2023.
2. Ratify and approve the Acceptance of Award letter electronically signed by the Tulare County Health & Human Services Health Officer.
3. Authorize the Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency Director or designee to accept subsequent allocations related to this funding.
4. Authorize the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency Director or designee, to electronically sign the Contractor's Release upon submission of the final invoice.

SUMMARY:

On April 4, 2023, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No. 2023-0280 for the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency's (HHSA) Public Health Branch to receive funding in an amount of \$4,187 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/2023 to support Tuberculosis prevention and control within the re-settled Ukrainian population through the Uniting for Ukraine (U4U) program. On August 29, 2023, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Tuberculosis (TB) Control Branch allocated

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HHSA's Public Health Branch an additional \$14,250 for the (U4U) program for FY 2023/2024. This funding will continue to support tuberculosis prevention and control activities serving the recently arrived Ukrainian population. The U4U funding comprises only federal funds and must be expended by September 30, 2023. These funds will be used for TB screening, evaluation, and treatment of latent TB infection and TB disease among Ukrainians arriving in the United States and relocating to Tulare County.

If there are fewer than expected Ukrainian arrivals in Tulare County for the U4U program, excess funds may be used for tuberculosis prevention and control activities for persons not part of the Ukrainian resettlement.

As of October 2022, 31 Ukrainians had arrived in Tulare County, and accepting these funds will allow us to provide them with TB testing and TB care if necessary. Funding was allocated based on the anticipated location of the Ukrainians based on sponsorship locations as of July 2022. It is a CDPH protocol to have the Health Officer sign the award letter, as it is under their medical license and their authority that the TB program will be implemented.

Due to delay in receiving the award allocation letter from the State, we were not able to bring this agenda item to the Board during the award period. Acceptance of the funds must be approved by Board prior to submitting invoice for payment. Once an invoice is submitted, we will received the funding of \$14,250.

In the past year, the Tulare County Public Health Branch received two (2) allocations from this program, and we anticipate this year to be the same. To ensure the use of timely funding, we would like the Tulare County Health Officer or designee to have the authority to sign the Acceptance of Award letter if another allocation is granted.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Funding in an amount not to exceed \$14,250 is for the period of July 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023. This allocation is granted by the California Department of Public Health for the U4U program. The program's expenses and revenues are included in HHSA's budget 001-142-6033-5223. There is no net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The approval of this award increases our ability to meet the County's five-year strategic plan, specifically the quality-of-life initiative that encourages innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk adults, youth, and children in state and federally-mandated programs. The acceptance of funds will protect the community's health by augmenting the existing programs with additional funds.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Karen Elliott

Karen Elliott

Director of Public Health

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Acceptance of Award