



Health & Human Services Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: December 17, 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 the California Department of Public Health

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with the California Department of Public Health for the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health California Home Visiting Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,659,687, retroactive from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This agreement is retroactive due to delays in receiving the documents from the State; making it impracticable for the Board to take action prior to July 1, 2024.
2. Find that the Board had the authority to enter into the agreement on July 1, 2024, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date.
3. Authorize the Chair to sign the agreement.
4. Direct the Health and Human Services Agency to provide the final executed agreement to the Clerk of the Board.

SUMMARY:

On March 11, 2024, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) allocated one (1) year of funding to the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency's (HHS) Public Health Branch in the amount of \$1,015,235 for the California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. CDPH is allowing the Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs) to use their allocated State General Funds to provide the match for Federal Title XIX funding. The estimated amount to be received from Federal Title XIX Funding is \$644,452, which will be added to the allocation of \$1,015,235, bringing the total of this agreement to \$1,659,687.

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CHVP is designed for overburdened families who are at risk for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), including child maltreatment, domestic violence, substance use disorder, and mental health-related issues. HHSA currently uses Nurse Family Partnership (NFP), an evidence-based home visiting model approved by CDPH, to administer CHVP services. The NFP model serves low-income, first-time mothers who must be enrolled before their 28th week of pregnancy. Each mother works with a Public Health Nurse who provides family support from their enrollment up to the child's second birthday.

The California Home Visiting Program currently serves 70 families and has the capacity to serve up to 100 first-time families. Approving this proposed agreement will provide additional funding to Tulare County's CHVP Program, allowing services to be extended to an additional 50 first-time families for a total of 150.

The following terms deviate substantively from the standard County boilerplate: 1) the agreement is dependent upon the availability of funds from the State, 2) the agreement does not allow the County to assign without written approval but does not prohibit the State from assigning, 3) County must indemnify the State; 4) County must indemnify State for any intellectual property infringement claims. This indemnification includes payment of attorney fees, 5) the County must sign first, 6) State may modify this agreement without County consent with a 30 day notice, 7) State may terminate this agreement without cause, 8) State owns all intellectual property stemming from this funding, 9) The dispute resolution process significantly varies with the County's process.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The agreement provides one year of funding to HHSA's Public Health Branch in the amount of \$1,015,235. CDPH allows LHJs to use their allocated State General Funds to provide the match for Federal Title XIX funding. HHSA's Federal Title XIX Funds of \$644,452 will be utilized for the required match bringing the total program cost to \$1,659,687 for Fiscal Year 2025/26. 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 allocation will benefit the residents of Tulare County by providing Public Health Services at no cost to clients. These services promote health and well-being to the residents of Tulare County.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Karen Elliott

Karen Elliott

Director of Public Health

Cc: County Administrative Office

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Attachments: Attachment A- Agreement Funding Application
Attachment B- MCAH Policies and Procedure
Attachment C- Notice of Intent to Award