



# Health & Human Services Agency

## COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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**AGENDA DATE:** May 2, 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	N/A

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**SUBJECT:** Approve a one-year extension for grant funds with the California Department of Public Health

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve a one-year extension for grant funds to May 31, 2024, with the California Department of Public Health for the California Equitable Recovery Initiative in the amount not to exceed \$707,171.

**SUMMARY:**

On November 2, 2021, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors approved the acceptance of grant funds from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for the California Equitable Recovery Initiative (CERI) in an amount not to exceed \$707,171 retroactive from September 1, 2021 through May 31, 2023, with Resolution No. 2021-0853. Funding has been used to support the County's response to the pandemic recovery by incorporating health equity. Activities included:

- Establishing a dedicated Equity Lead focusing on organizational capacity-building activities such as equity training and developing and utilizing equity tools and resources to embed equity in organizational policy and support engagement and shared decision-making with communities.
- Conducting an equity-focused organizational capacity assessment
- Contributing to the Statewide Health Equity Plan
- Participating in engagement activities with other local health jurisdictions
- Implementing targeted local equity activities disproportionately impacted communities.

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The grant funds allowed the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Public Health Branch to continue to build infrastructure and organizational capacity around issues of equity, support prevention and mitigation of disparities in COVID-19, and address structural and/or social determinants of health.

On September 16, 2022 Tulare County Public Health received notification from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) of an extension of the funding period for CERI. The purpose of the extension is to allow grant recipients, stakeholders, and their partners additional time to implement their existing work plan and successfully carry out equity activities and efforts to reduce the disparities among the communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. The allocation amounts, and all other terms and conditions, will remain the same.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

Funding in an amount not to exceed \$707,171 is for the period of September 1, 2021 through May 31, 2024. The expenses and revenues associated with this allocation are included in the Health and Human Services Agency's Public Health Branch 001-142 6126 budget. To date, \$284,450.86 has been spent. The remaining \$422,720.14 will be included in the budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024. There is no net County cost to the General Fund.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's strategic business plan includes Safety and Security initiative to plan and provide coordinated emergency preparedness response, recovery and mitigation capabilities for natural and manmade disasters. Acceptance of this funding will provide funds to help fulfill this initiative by ensuring the County is continuously responding to this public health emergency.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

/s/Karen Elliott

Karen Elliott

Director of Public Health

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Allocation Letter