



Health & Human Services Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: May 2, 2023 REVISED

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 the acceptance of grant funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the acceptance of grant funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the Community Health Workers for Public Health Response and Resilient Communities Program in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 retroactive from August 31, 2021 through August 30, 2024. The acceptance of funds is retroactive due to delays in receiving the award documents from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; making it impracticable for the Board to take action prior to August 31, 2021.
2. Find that the Board had the authority to accept the grant funds as of August 31, 2021, and that it was in the County's best interest to accept funds on that date.

SUMMARY:

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Prevention approved funding to Health and Human Services Agency- Public Health Branch for the Community Health Workers for Public Health Response and Resilient Communities Program. The program is for three years, from August 31, 2021, through August 30, 2024. On November 2, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No. 2021-0852 to accept funding in the amount of \$600,000 and authorize the program for year one of the grant cycle.

On July 13, 2022, the CDC provided HHSA's Public Health Branch with a Notice of Award for year two (2) in an amount of \$600,000 based upon the Public Health Branch's meeting of performance metrics during year one (1). It is anticipated that the CDC will provide

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funding for year three in an amount of \$600,000. The HHSA's Public Health Branch will come back to the Board with the Notice of Award for year three (3) when this is provided by the CDC.

Acceptance of these grant funds will allow the Public Health Branch to continue to train, engage, and deploy Community Health Workers (CHWs) in partnership with five community partners in rural and suburban communities in Tulare County. In collaboration with local healthcare agencies and community-based organizations, the Public Health Branch will work to increase the skills of their local CHWs to educate on chronic disease prevention and management, especially diseases known to impact COVID-19 outcomes. Through these collaborations, HHSA's Public Health Branch Health Education staff will establish small group training forums and disseminate information regarding COVID-19 prevention, vaccinations, and chronic disease while targeting lower socioeconomic populations and farmworkers in rural and Spanish-speaking communities. Although the funding period is for August 31, 2022, through August 30, 2023, the performance period is from August 31, 2021, through August 30, 2024. This grant is allocated to local health jurisdictions for each Fiscal Year. The CDC will determine if the County of Tulare will be able to participate in the subsequent years.

The following term deviates from the standard County boilerplate: The award is contingent upon complying with existing and future guidance from the Health and Human Services Secretary regarding control of the spread of COVID-19.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The program is for three years, from August 31, 2021, through August 30, 2024. Funding in the amount of \$600,000 was provided for the period of August 31, 2021 through August 30, 2022. This amount was included in the County's Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget. Funding in the amount of \$600,000 is being provided for the period of August 31, 2022 through August 30, 2023. This amount has been included in the County's Fiscal Year 2022/2023 budget. It is anticipated that the CDC will provide funding in the amount of \$600,000 for the period of August 31, 2023 through August 30, 2024. If awarded, this amount will be included in the County's Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget. The program's expenses and revenues will be posted to HHSA's budget unit: 001-142-6127. 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 efforts to reduce "Communicable/Infectious Diseases" as well as "Community Engagement and Outreach." This acceptance of funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will help fulfill that obligation as it is in line with our Strategic Plan as efforts will focus on vaccine related services and reducing potential new COVID-19 cases as well as engaging our community partners.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

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/s/Karen Elliott

Karen Elliott

Director of Public Health

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Notice of Award