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To: Local Health Officers  
Local Health Department Directors

From: California Department of Public Health  
Division of Communicable Disease Control

Date: April 13, 2020

Subject: CDPH Granting Flexibility for Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Local  
Infrastructure Funding for COVID-19 Response

On July 1, 2019, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Division of Communicable Disease Control (DCDC) received \$35,000,000 in one-time funding for local public health infrastructure to address infection disease prevention and control.

Local health jurisdictions either have received or should receive final contracts this week. However, due to the timing of the funding process, it is possible that the scope of work in some jurisdictions may not reflect COVID-19 response activities.

CDPH recognizes local health departments are actively responding to COVID-19 to protect the health of their communities. To eliminate additional administrative burdens, CDPH is issuing this letter to serve as blanket approval to all local health jurisdictions to utilize this funding for COVID-19 response activities should your jurisdiction wish to do so. CDPH will not require modifications to your budget and/or scope of work in order to use these funds for COVID-19 response activities. Instead, CDPH will require LHJs report the use of this funding for COVID-19 activities in the Annual Performance Progress Reporting (Exhibit D Additional Provisions, Section 3, Paragraph E). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [LHJDCDC@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:LHJDCDC@cdph.ca.gov) or Terry McIntire by email at [Terry.McIntire@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:Terry.McIntire@cdph.ca.gov) or by phone at (916) 552-8617.

Sincerely,

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