



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 7/14/2020

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File #: 20-819

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** DHHS: Public Health

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**SUBJECT:**

Grant Agreement with the County Medical Services Program for the Local Indigent Care Needs Planning Grant for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the grant agreement with County Medical Services Program (CMSP) in the amount of \$50,000 for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021;
2. Authorize the Director of Public Health or a designee thereof to sign three originals of the agreement;
3. Authorize the Director of Public Health or a designee thereof to sign all future amendments and documents directly related to this grant agreement upon review and approval of County Counsel and Risk Management; and
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return one copy of the certified board report to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) - Contract Unit.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Public Health Fund - Fund 1175

**DISCUSSION:**

The Public Health Mobile Outreach Program has a long history of working with community partners in multiple settings. This program has operated a mobile outreach since the 1980's working with underserved populations. Working relationships with community partners such as Eureka Rescue Mission, Arcata House, Alcohol Drug Care Services, United Indian Health Services, Open Door (including Mobile Medical) and others are highly established and have been paramount to supporting the target population in accessing enabling services. In addition, Public Health's community partner networks are broad and deep. Public Health has established, organized and driven many community coalitions and planning groups throughout the years. Currently Public Health coordinates the hepatitis C (HCV) Task Force, the Sexual Health Task Force, the Suicide Prevention Network, Humboldt Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention, as well as the county's Community Health Assessment and Community Health Implementation Plan. Public Health Outreach also has a lead role in the Overdose

Prevention Workgroup and the RxSafeHumboldt Coalition to address overdose. Public Health also services on multiple coalitions/workgroups including Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition.

For this planning grant, Public Health will be leveraging other funding streams and public health programs to support this project. Namely, the California Department of Public Health HCV Prevention and Control grant. The purpose of this grant is to hire an HCV Care Coordinator and contract with a local medical provider who provides HCV care and treatment. The HCV Care Coordinator will be leveraged as in-kind support to coordinate relationships and services with three key community partners, Open Door Community Health Clinics, Department of Health and Human Services Mental Health, and four local substance use treatment programs (Waterfront Recovery, North Coast Substance Abuse Council Crossroads, Alcohol Drug Care Services, Humboldt Recovery Center). This grant will provide short-term staff support and technical assistance to apply for a future CMSP implementation grant of \$300,000.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Approval of this grant with CMSP will allow DHHS-Public Health to be reimbursed a maximum of \$50,000 in Fund 1175, Budget Unit 437 - CARE NorCAP for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The funding amount of \$50,000 plus the required 10% match amount were included in budget unit 1175-437 budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. There is no impact to the General Fund.

**STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:**

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by creating opportunities for improved safety and health , providing community-appropriate levels of service, and protecting vulnerable populations.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

CMSP

**ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Board may choose not to approve the recommendations, however it would result in a loss of both funding and services to the County.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Grant Agreement with the CMSP for the Local Indigent Care Needs Planning Grant

**PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:**

Board Order No.: N/A

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