



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Legislation Text

File #: 24-894, **Version:** 1

To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Public Health

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Grant Agreement with Sierra Health Foundation for the California Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction Initiative to Provide Harm Reduction and Support and Services for Fiscal Years 2023-24 through 2026-27

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Grant Agreement with Sierra Health Foundation for the period of March 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027;
2. Authorize the Director of Public Health, or a designee thereof, to sign the signature page of the agreement; and
3. Authorize the Director of Public Health, or a designee thereof, to execute all future contracts, amendments, and documents directly related to the award upon review and approval of the County Administrative Office, County Counsel and Risk Management.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Safe & Healthy Communities

Strategic Plan Category: 1002- Remove barriers to quality healthcare

DISCUSSION:

The Sierra Health Foundation (SHF) is the lead organization for the California Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction Initiative, also known as COPHRI, supported by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Office of AIDS (OA). COPHRI is funded through the state of California's Opioid Settlement funds and is to strengthen substance use disorder response by supporting staffing at harm reduction programs.

In the years 2020-2023, DHHS - Public Health, North Coast AIDS Project (NorCAP) was awarded California Harm Reduction Initiative (CHRI) grants totaling \$416,186.67. This funding was, specifically, to expand harm reduction services and deepen linkage and engagement with other health service and resource programs including substance use disorder treatment services. These grants are focused on building upon local expertise, uplifting the voices and priorities of people who use drugs and centering racial justice.

Funding will sustain the Mobile Outreach program, which operates under Humboldt County DHHS-Public Health's NorCAP, to continue to serve rural and frontier areas, including tribal lands, to provide services to disenfranchised populations in Humboldt County. The main goals of the project are to provide harm reduction services, free HIV and HCV testing to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, assist clients in accessing enabling services through linkages to care and provide overdose prevention education including Naloxone training and distribution. All services are provided in a supportive community, free from judgment and built on equity, empowering people who use drugs to be the primary agents of reducing harm and managing health.

This agreement is coming before your Board after the contract start date due to delays on the part of the grantor. The late execution will not affect the receipt of funding or delivery of program activities.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

1175-437003 - Needle Exchange

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

<i>Expenditures (1175, 437003)</i>	FY23-24	FY24-25 Projected*	FY25-26 Projected*
<i>Budgeted Expenses</i>	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$180,000</u>	<u>\$180,000</u>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$180,000</u>	<u>\$180,000</u>

**Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

<i>Funding Sources (1175, 437003)</i>	FY23-24	FY24-25 Projected*	FY25-26 Projected*
<i>State/Federal Funds</i>	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$180,000</u>	<u>\$180,000</u>
<i>Total Funding Sources</i>	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$180,000</u>	<u>\$180,000</u>

**Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

This agreement with SHF will allow DHHS-Public Health to be reimbursed up to \$600,000 in Fund 1175, Budget Unit 437003 - Needle Exchange for the period of March 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027. The funding amount of \$60,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 was included in the annual county budget process. Funding in the amount of \$180,000 will be included in the approved County budget process for each FY 2024-25, FY 2025-26, and FY 2026-27. There is no impact to the General Fund.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impact:

Acceptance of this grant will support current staffing levels in NorCAP Mobile Outreach program.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

California Department of Public Health

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:

Grant Agreement with Sierra Health Foundation for the California Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction Initiative

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: 9/12/2023

File No.: 23-1191