



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Legislation Text

File #: 20-610, **Version:** 1

To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Public Health

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Grant Agreement with California Department of Public Health to Implement the Hepatitis C Virus Collaboration Project

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the grant agreement number 19-10926 with California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for \$891,690 for the term beginning upon execution through June 30, 2024;
2. Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) - Public Health Director, or a designee thereof to sign four originals of the agreement and required certifications;
3. Authorize the DHHS - Public Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute all future amendments and documents directly related to agreement 19-10926 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 DHHS - Contract Unit.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Public Health Fund

DISCUSSION:

The County of Humboldt is contracting with CDPH to implement public health activities related to monitoring, prevention, testing, and linkage to and retention in, care activities for the most vulnerable and underserved individuals living with, or at high risk for, hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection in collaboration with a community-based organization (CBO).

Allocated funds are to be used to develop and implement a public education and outreach program to raise hepatitis C awareness in high-risk groups, physician's offices, among health care workers, and in health care facilities. This is to be accomplished by including hepatitis C counseling, education, and testing, as appropriate, into existing local state-funded programs, including those addressing HIV, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and other appropriate programs. These funds will be used to enhance activities already provided for HCV prevention and control, and will not replace existing

activities.

Key strategic targets for HCV prevention and control are: enhancement of surveillance and case follow up for acute hepatitis C cases and other priority populations; testing, linkages to care, care coordination, and assurance of treatment for hepatitis C infection; partnerships to identify and address systemic barriers; and implementation of community-based services through partnerships between DHHS - Public Health and CBOs.

This grant requires that no less than 50 percent of the funds allocated shall be provided to a community-based organization that is able to provide these activities and demonstrate expertise, history, and credibility working successfully in engaging the most vulnerable and underserved individuals living with, or at high risk for, HCV infection.

This agreement will allow DHHS - Public Health, Healthy Communities to provide services throughout Humboldt County to minimize new HCV infections, and to maximize the number of people with HCV accessing appropriate care, treatment and support.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of grant agreement 19-10926 with CDPH will allow DHHS- Public Health to be reimbursed a maximum of \$891,690 in Fund 1175, Budget Unit 437- CARE NorCAP upon execution through June 30, 2024. Due to late receipt of the agreement, the program will be unable to spend much of the year 1 funding in the amount of \$178,338 for fiscal year (FY) 2019-20. The program anticipated larger revenues from another program in Fund 1175, Budget Unit 437- CARE NorCAP for FY 2019-20; therefore, there are sufficient appropriations to cover the anticipated spending. The funding amount of \$178,338 will be included in the budget for FY's 2020-21 through FY 2023-24. There is no impact to the General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

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

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

CDPH

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

If the Board chooses not to approve the recommendations it would result in a loss of both funding and services to the County.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Grant Agreement Number 19-10926 with California Department of Public Health to Implement the Hepatitis C Virus Collaboration Project
2. Contractor Certification Clauses
3. California Civil Rights Laws Certification

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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