

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 05, 2023**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 8**

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION FOR AS-NEEDED  
COMMUNITY VACCINATION SERVICES, AND AUTHORIZE FUTURE  
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES RELATED TO IMMUNIZATION SERVICES  
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Public Health Services, Immunizations Unit aims to eliminate vaccine preventable diseases by improving vaccine coverage for all San Diegans. This is done through evidence-based practices to address community needs, including vaccine management, technical assistance, evaluating regional immunization coverage rates, responding to outbreaks, disease prevention activities, health promotion, and management and analysis of information from the immunization information system. On May 10, 2022 (19), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) authorized a competitive solicitation for vaccine administration services for communities throughout the county. The contract awarded from the competitive solicitation provides community vaccination services for COVID-19 vaccines and other immunizations to those most vulnerable to severe disease outcomes, and is set to expire on June 30, 2024.

Today's action requests the Board authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a competitive solicitation for as-needed community vaccination services, and authorize the Agency Director, HHSA to pursue future funding opportunities related to immunization services.

Today's actions support the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by establishing sustained capacity to increase access to vaccinations for vulnerable communities and increasing immunization rates countywide to reduce the risk of suffering, disability, and death caused by vaccine preventable diseases in infants, children, adolescents, and adults.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a Competitive Solicitation for as-needed community vaccination services, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract(s) for a term of one year, with four option years and up to an additional six months if needed, and to amend the contract(s) as needed to reflect changes to services and funding, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
2. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to pursue future funding opportunities, if available, for current and future fiscal years related to immunization services.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's action will advance equity and racial justice through a data-driven population health approach that delivers immunization prevention and outbreak response services through trusted community partnerships and coalitions committed to addressing disparities and health inequities. The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services, Immunizations Unit works closely with the San Diego Immunization Coalition (SDIC) to communicate and advance equity driven initiatives, outcomes, and health education. SDIC is a community coalition of 2,000+ individual immunization partners throughout San Diego County committed to its mission to increase immunization rates and improve the health of the county by raising awareness and providing education about vaccine preventable diseases. The Immunizations Unit will continue to pursue grants and funding opportunities that support efforts to eliminate vaccine preventable diseases in the most underserved communities. Underserved communities are identified through the health equity lens, the health equity zip codes, the Healthy Places Index quartile framework used by the State, outcomes from local data analysis on vaccine preventable disease cases, and disproportionality of vaccine coverage rates. Furthermore, the activities described in this request are planned and carried out through a health equity lens by employing linguistically and culturally tailored services.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed action aligns with the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #4 of protecting the health and well-being of everyone in the region by providing vaccination services in community-based settings and sustaining capacity to vaccinate populations disproportionately affected by vaccine preventable diseases. This will be done through mobile immunization services which will improve access to immunizations, the overall health of communities, and reduce the demand of associated care services, while increasing the effectiveness of care providers.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-25 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in no costs and revenue in FY 2023-24; anticipated costs and revenue of approximately \$1,500,000 in FY 2024-25; and costs and revenue of approximately \$1,500,000 in FY 2025-26. The funding sources are the California Department of Public Health Immunization Local Assistance grant in FY 2024-25 and the Department of Public Health Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases in FY 2025-26. Funds for subsequent years will be incorporated into future operational plans. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

State of California)  
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



**Signed**  
**by** Andrew Potter