COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2025

MINUTE ORDER NO. 7

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FOR TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL AND TREATMENT, AND APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services operates a Tuberculosis Program (TB Program) that detects, mitigates, and prevents the spread of Tuberculosis (TB) in our community through treatment, case management, contact investigation, and education. The County TB Program is supported by a combination of federal, State, and local funding.

TB is a communicable bacterial disease transmitted from person-to-person through shared indoor air space. San Diego County has higher rates of active TB than both California and the United States. The County TB Program provides critical, core mandated active TB case management, case consultation, case contact investigations, and preventive linkage to care services for TB case contacts diagnosed with latent TB infection (LTBI) through contact investigations. Additionally, the County convenes a successful public-private partnership that has resulted in extensive collaboration with the Federally Qualified Health Clinics and larger health systems throughout the county to improve access to preventive LTBI care that reduces cases of active TB.

Today's actions request the San Diego County Board of Supervisors authorize the acceptance of TB Control Cooperative Grant funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for approximately \$1,739,979, the acceptance of TB control local assistance funds from the California Department of Public Health for approximately \$777,900, and the pursuit of future funding opportunities to support the TB Program.

This item supports the County 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. These efforts support our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by ensuring the County will continue to receive federal, State, and other funding to administer necessary programs to reduce the spread of disease and improve health outcomes in San Diego County.

RECOMMENDATION(S) CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- 1. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of grant applications and full-cost recovery of grants.
- 2. Authorize the acceptance of annual allocation of \$1,739,979 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, for tuberculosis control and treatment services, and authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, upon receipt, to execute all

required documents, including any annual extensions, amendments and/or revisions that do not materially impact the services or funding level.

- 3. Authorize the acceptance of annual allocation of \$777,900 from the California Department of Public Health for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, for tuberculosis control and treatment services, and authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, upon receipt, to execute all required documents, including any annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions that do not materially impact the services or funding level.
- 4. Authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to pursue future funding opportunities to support the Tuberculosis Program including but not limited to, funding for prevention, treatment, case management, contact investigation, education, and research.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services, Tuberculosis Program (TB Program), as well as the *San Diego County TB Elimination Initiative*, focus on providing and expanding equitable access to healthcare. Examples include offering transportation services to medical appointments, housing for individuals experiencing homelessness while receiving treatment, and treatment for uninsured and underserved populations.

In 2024 alone, the County TB Program provided TB case contact investigation involving over 4,800 individuals exposed to infectious TB. The TB program provided critical education, testing, and follow-up care, preventing additional cases of active TB in San Diego. Furthermore, the County's public-private partnership for TB elimination has resulted in latent tuberculosis infection care implementation in Federally Qualified Health Clinics and health systems across the county that serve our diverse populations and prevent active TB cases in our community.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Authorizing funding acceptance for tuberculosis control and treatment services supports the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #2, to provide just and equitable access to County services, particularly in the investment of historically underserved communities that are disproportionately impacted by tuberculosis (TB). These actions also support Sustainability Goal #3 by transitioning to a green, carbon-free economy, by continuing to transition delivery of services to telehealth platforms whenever possible without sacrificing quality and thereby decreasing vehicle mileage for clients and employees. Additionally, today's actions support Sustainability Goal #4, by protecting the health and well-being of everyone in the region, ensuring access to medical care for those with TB who need care.

FISCAL IMPACT

Recommendation #2: Authorize Acceptance of Approximately \$1,739,979 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2027 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs of \$1,245,619 and estimated revenue of \$869,990 in both FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27. The funding source is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the funding does not offset all costs. These unrecovered costs are estimated to be \$375,629 annually in FY 2025-26

and FY 2026-27, for a total of \$751,258. The funding source for these costs will be existing Realignment. The public benefit for providing these core mandated services far outweighs the B-29 unrecoverable costs. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

Recommendation #3: Authorize Acceptance of Approximately \$777,900 from the California Department of Public Health

Funds for this request are included in the FY 2025-2027 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs of \$1,072,612 and estimated revenue of \$777,900 for FY 2025-26. The funding source is the California Department of Public Health. A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the funding does not offset all costs. These unrecovered costs are estimated to be \$294,712. The funding source for these costs will be existing Realignment. The public benefit for providing these core mandated services far outweighs the B-29 unrecoverable costs. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

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

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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

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