

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, MAY 05, 2026**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 4**

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING FOR CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION SERVICES, AND AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Lead is extremely toxic to humans and can lead to numerous health issues, particularly in young children. Sources of lead exposure can include, but are not limited to, time spent outside of the United States, chipping or peeling paint in homes or buildings built before 1978, water from lead pipes, soil near airports, highways, or factories, as well as certain imported products like spices, cosmetics, candy, toys, pottery, and jewelry. The County of San Diego (County) has provided services to lead poisoned children since 1987, when California State (State) law mandated this condition reportable. In 1991, the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act declared childhood lead exposure the most significant childhood environmental health problem in California. In 1993, State funding became available for case management of lead poisoned children and education services for high-risk families. For the past 33 years, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) has authorized grant applications and revenue agreements between the County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.

On May 2, 2023 (8), the Board authorized a new revenue agreement with CDPH for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 through FY 2025-26 and authorized HHSA to apply for additional funding opportunities. Today's action requests the Board authorize a two-year Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Services revenue agreement with CDPH for the anticipated period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028. Today's action, if approved, would also authorize the application of future funding opportunities to support childhood lead poisoning prevention services efforts.

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, as well as the ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by increasing childhood lead poisoning awareness, thereby reducing the risk of poor health outcomes associated with lead poisoning.

**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 for grants,
2. Authorize the acceptance of \$3,488,932 from the California Department of Public Health, for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028 for childhood lead poisoning prevention services, and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to execute all required documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.

3. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to apply for additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, to support childhood lead poisoning prevention services efforts.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), Public Health Services Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) provides case management services for children in San Diego County identified as having elevated blood lead levels (BLLs), with the goal of reducing these BLLs to safe levels and preventing negative health and developmental outcomes associated with lead poisoning.

To maximize equitable outcomes, the County CLPPP conducts outreach to educate at-risk populations about the dangers of lead poisoning and helps identify potential sources of lead in their homes. These outreach activities are created for at-risk populations and materials are translated into the County threshold languages and beyond. The County CLPPP will continue to address the inequitable distribution of childhood lead poisoning cases by formulating a plan to implement a proactive approach to identify lead hazards in high-risk areas, focusing on preventing lead exposure. The CLPPP will also reach Medi-Cal recipients by enhancing provider outreach, building a stronger peer-to-peer connection, and offering more training for frontline clinic staff.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to accept California Department of Public Health grant funding for the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) contributes to the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #4 of protecting health and well-being through the remediation of environmental lead for communities that have been disproportionately impacted. The County CLPPP provides education to families on how to avoid lead poisoning exposures and County staff and contractors identify environmental lead hazards in and around the home and provide guidance and requirements for remediation to property owners. The County CLPPP's focus on hazard mitigation through the removal of environmental sources of lead poisoning also aligns with the climate sustainability initiative in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan by creating a safer environment for children within San Diego County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-28 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs of \$1,784,371 and estimated revenue of \$1,744,466 in FY 2026-27 and estimated costs of \$1,784,435 and estimated revenue of \$1,744,466 in FY 2027-28. 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 \$39,905 in FY 2026-27 and \$39,968 in FY 2027-28, for a total of \$79,873. The funding source for these costs will be existing Realignment. The public benefit for providing these 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 Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: Montgomery Steppe

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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