

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 6**

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FOR REFUGEE HEALTH PROGRAMS AND APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services receives funding from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to support Refugee Health Programs, which includes the Refugee Health Assessment Program (RHAP) and the Refugee Health Promotion Project (RHPP).

Refugee Health Programs provide newly arrived refugees, asylees, victims of trafficking, and other eligible entrants with culturally and linguistically appropriate health assessments, including follow-up and referrals for health conditions identified in the assessment process. The County contracts with a community provider to complete comprehensive health assessments that focus on screening for and prevention of communicable diseases; early identification and diagnosis of chronic diseases; assessment of immunization status for children and adults; mental health screenings; and referrals to health providers for further medical evaluation and treatment within the first three months of arrival. The County uses the data to develop prevention and intervention strategies, and to allocate resources to reduce disparities.

Today's action requests the San Diego County Board of Supervisors authorize the acceptance of funding for the Refugee Health Programs from CDPH for the term of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, for approximately \$412,911, and the pursuit of future funding opportunities to support Refugee Health Programs.

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 providing the 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 approximately \$367,911 in grant funds from the California Department of Public Health for the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, for the Refugee Health Assessment Program, and authorize Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, upon receipt, to execute all required grant documents, including any annual extensions, amendments and/or revisions that do not materially impact the services or funding level.

3. Authorize the acceptance of approximately \$45,000 in grant funds from the California Department of Public Health for the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, for the Refugee Health Promotion Project, and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, upon receipt, to execute all required grant documents, including any annual extensions, amendments and/or revisions that do not materially impact the services or funding level.
4. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to pursue future funding opportunities to support the Refugee Health Programs.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services, focuses 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.

The Refugee Health Assessment Program (RHAP) provides culturally and linguistically-appropriate comprehensive health assessments not only to these newly arrived refugees but also Special Immigrant Visa holders, asylees, federally-certified victims of trafficking, and other eligible entrants. RHAP focuses on screening for and prevention of communicable diseases; early identification and diagnosis of chronic diseases and other important conditions; assessment of immunization status for children and adults; mental health screening; and referral to health providers for further medical evaluation, treatment, and follow-up. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024, a total of 1,324 eligible persons in San Diego County received a health assessment through RHAP, with 52% of those individuals completing the health assessment with 90 days of their arrival in the United States.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed action supports the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #2, to provide just and equitable access to County services and resources, particularly in the investment of historically underserved communities that are disproportionately impacted by communicable diseases. 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 action supports Sustainability Goal #4, by protecting the health and well-being of everyone in the region, ensuring access to medical care for those newly arriving to the United States.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

#### **Recommendation #2: Authorize Acceptance of Approximately \$367,911 from the California Department of Public Health**

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 \$300,997 and estimated revenue of \$275,933 in FY 2025-26 and estimated costs of \$100,332 and estimated revenue of \$91,978 in FY 2026-27. 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 \$25,064 in FY 2025-26 and \$8,355 in FY 2026-27, for a total of \$33,419. 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.

**Recommendation #3: Authorize Acceptance of Approximately \$45,000 from the California Department of Public Health**

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 \$38,449 and estimated revenue of \$33,750 in FY 2025-26 and estimated costs of \$12,816 and estimated revenue of \$11,250 in FY 2026-27. 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 \$4,699 in FY 2025-26 and \$1,566 in FY 2026-27, for a total of \$6,265. 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 Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

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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