

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 3

SUBJECT: WAIVE BOARD POLICY B-29 FOR UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO GRANT FUNDING FROM CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION CENTER FOR FORECASTING AND OUTBREAK ANALYSIS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

In April 2022, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics was established to improve preparedness and response to infectious diseases through data, modeling, and analytics. In May 2023, the CDC published a Notice of Funding Opportunity and awarded the Centers for Outbreak Analytics and Disease Modeling grant opportunity, intended to support State and local leaders in developing and implementing new analytical tools best suited for their respective jurisdictions, based on the best available information. This grant supports building and scaling disease outbreak response capabilities, and working with private sector, academic, and jurisdictional partners to allow communities to more effectively use data to help identify and respond to emerging public health threats.

The University of California, San Diego (UCSD) applied for CDC grant funding, which included a subaward for the County of San Diego (County) in the amount of \$1,324,098 for the term of September 30, 2023, through September 29, 2028. On October 24, 2023 (3), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved to accept this funding, and on September 10, 2024 (6), the Board also approved to accept additional grant funding of \$355,400 for a cumulative total of \$1,679,498. For both Board actions, it was anticipated the Epidemiology unit program would be able to budget the full indirect rate to the grant, and therefore, revenue would offset all expenses.

Today's action requests the Board waive Board Policy B-29 for indirect expenses, estimated at \$370,068, which are not offset by grant revenue, for the period from September 30, 2023, to September 29, 2028.

Today's action 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 grant opportunity will support State and local leaders during public health emergencies by using advanced modeling, forecasting, and outbreak analytics.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Waive Board Policy B-29 Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires full-cost recovery for grants, for Centers for Outbreak Analytics and Disease Modeling grant funding from the University of California, San Diego and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Funding from the Centers for Outbreak Analytics and Disease Modeling grant will enable the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services to advise State and local leaders on the incorporation of data and outputs to ensure health disparities continue to be addressed during public health prevention and response. Addressing health disparities is a priority for the County, which has already implemented programs to better characterize existing disparities and prioritized addressing access issues during emergencies through the use of such data. The County acts as a partner to health care groups providing medical care, emergency response, and prevention services, as well as community groups, including those in communities facing health disparities. The Centers for Outbreak Analytics and Disease Modeling grant will help facilitate and communicate outbreak response activities with these long-standing partners.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's action contributes to the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #1, to engage the community in meaningful ways, and Sustainability Goal #2, to protect health and well-being of everyone in the region by utilizing forecasting and analysis to support outbreak responses. The Centers for Outbreak Analytics and Disease Modeling grant will provide support to State and local leaders during public health emergencies using advanced modeling, forecasts, and outbreak analytics. The program aims to establish a network to support decision makers before and during public health emergencies.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Operational Plan and FY 2025-27 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated indirect costs of \$136,945 and revenue of \$60,761 for FY 2024-25, estimated annual indirect costs of \$138,357 and revenue of \$47,931 for FY 2025-26 through FY 2027-28, and estimated indirect costs of \$34,589 and revenue of \$11,983 in FY 2028-29. The funding source is the federal Centers for Outbreak Analytics and Disease Modeling grant, via the University of California, San Diego.

A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the grant funding from the University of California, San Diego, provided through the Centers for Outbreak Analytics and Disease Modeling program, recovers all direct costs incurred by Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services but it does not offset all internal indirect costs. Internal indirect costs not offset by grant revenue are estimated at \$76,184 in FY 2024-25 and estimated annually at \$90,426 in FY 2025-26 through FY 2027-28 and \$22,606 in FY 2028-29, for a total indirect cost of \$370,068. The funding source for these will be existing Realignment.

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 Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

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