COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021

MINUTE ORDER NO. 6

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT HIV/AIDS SERVICES GRANT FUNDING AND AUTHORIZATION TO PURSUE FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIV/AIDS SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

For 30 years the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) has authorized grants and agreements with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration to provide a variety of care and treatment services to persons living with HIV. These funding sources include the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 (RWTEA) Part A and the RWTEA Part A Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI).

The RWTEA Part A and RWTEA Part A MAI comprise the single largest federal funding source for HIV services received by the County of San Diego (County). The one-year grant term is March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022. The RWTEA Part A funding is \$10,594,101, and the RWTEA Part A MAI funding is \$742,177, for a total of \$11,336,278. This funding will continue to support medical treatment, mental health treatment, substance use disorder treatment, temporary housing assistance, and other critical services for persons living with HIV.

Today's action requests that the Board accept this ongoing source of grant funding for HIV/AIDS services. Additionally, if approved, today's actions would authorize the application for any additional funds to be used to address testing, prevention and care, and treatment needs of individuals and families in San Diego County who are impacted by HIV/AIDS and/or STDs.

This item supports the County's Getting to Zero initiative by funding services that help people living with HIV remain in care and achieve viral suppression. Research has demonstrated that persons who have achieved viral suppression are not able to transmit HIV to others sexually. This item also supports the *Live Well San Diego* vision by building better health through providing access to high quality HIV care and treatment services that lead to improved physical and behavioral health which promotes a healthy, safe, and thriving region.

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 \$10,594,101 and \$742,177 in grant funds from the Health Resources and Services Administration for the period of March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022, for Ryan White Part A and Part A Minority AIDS Initiative respectively and authorize the Clerk of the Board to execute all required grant 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 Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency to apply for any additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, to address the prevention, testing, care, and treatment needs of those impacted by HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2020-22 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs of \$3,835,000 and revenue of \$3,778,759 in Fiscal Year 2020-21 and estimated costs of \$7,670,000 and revenue of \$7,557,519 in Fiscal Year 2021-22. The funding sources are Ryan White Part A and Part A Minority AIDS Initiative revenue from the Health Resources and Services Administration. A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the funding does not offset all costs. These costs are estimated at \$56,241 for Fiscal Year 2020-21 and \$112,481 for Fiscal Year 2021-22. The funding source for these costs will be existing Health Realignment allocated for these programs. The public benefit for providing these services far outweighs these 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: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, 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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