

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 7

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF HIV SERVICES GRANT FUNDING AND APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) has authorized grants and agreements with the California Department of Public Health Office of AIDS (CDPH-OA) to reduce transmission of HIV in San Diego County for almost three decades.

Today's action requests the Board to authorize the acceptance of \$7,592,529 in grant funds for *High Impact Prevention and Surveillance Programs for Health Departments* and \$8,879,370 in grant funds for *High Impact Prevention and Surveillance Programs for Health Departments - Ending the HIV Epidemic*. Both grants are from the CDPH-OA and are for the period of August 1, 2024, through May 31, 2029. Lastly, today's action requests the Board authorize applications for future funding opportunities to support the prevention, testing, care, and treatment needs of those impacted by HIV.

This item supports the County of San Diego (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 our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished through education, prevention, and intervention to interrupt transmission of disease in the region. This item also supports the County Getting to Zero initiative by planning and allocating resources dedicated to services for residents who are living with or vulnerable to HIV.

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 \$7,592,529 in grant funds for *High Impact Prevention and Surveillance Programs for Health Departments* from the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS for the period of August 1, 2024 through May 31, 2029, for HIV services related to prevention, and authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, 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 acceptance of \$8,879,370 in grant funds for *High Impact Prevention and Surveillance Programs for Health Departments - Ending the HIV Epidemic* from the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS for the period of August 1, 2024 through May 31, 2029, for Ending the HIV Epidemic services related to prevention, and authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, 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.
4. Authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to apply for any additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, to address the prevention, testing, care and treatment needs of those impacted by HIV.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

HIV has disproportionately impacted some of San Diego county's most vulnerable residents, which includes Black and Hispanic communities and gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men. Local surveillance data from 2023 demonstrated that Blacks comprise less than 6% of the county population but comprise 13% of recent HIV diagnoses. Hispanics comprise 35% of the county population yet comprise 53% of recent HIV diagnoses. In San Diego County in 2023, gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men comprise 48% of recent HIV diagnoses and 70% of persons living with HIV.

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services works in partnership with the HIV Planning Group, an official advisory board to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. The HIV Planning Group is comprised of people living with HIV, service providers, subject matter experts, HHS representative, community members and designees from each supervisorial district. The HIV Planning Group conducts needs assessments of system capacity and capabilities every three years. This includes engaging with different impacted communities through focus groups. These engagement efforts play an impactful role in informing decisions and ensuring resources are effectively and equitably distributed to serve the needs of those most impacted by HIV in San Diego County.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed actions align with the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect health and well-being. This will be accomplished by increasing capacity and services aimed to prevent, identify, and treat HIV. Testing, identification, and treatment of HIV will improve the overall health of communities, reduce the demand of associated care services, while increasing effectiveness of care providers and lowering operating costs.

FISCAL IMPACT

Recommendation #2: High Impact Prevention and Surveillance Programs for Health Departments
Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-26 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs of \$1,248,573 and revenue of \$1,199,969 in FY 2024-25, and estimated costs of \$1,611,794 and revenue of \$1,549,050 in FY 2025-26, for an estimated total of \$7,900,062 in costs and \$7,592,529 in revenue through FY 2029-30. The funding source for this grant is the California Department of Public Health Office of AIDS (CDPH-OA). A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the funding does not offset all costs. These unrecovered costs are estimated to be \$48,604 for FY 2024-25, and \$62,744 for FY

2025-26. The total unrecovered costs are estimated to be \$307,533 through FY 2029-30. The funding source for these costs will be existing Realignment. The public benefit for providing these services far outweighs the costs. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Recommendation #3: High Impact Prevention and Surveillance Programs for Health Departments - Ending the HIV Epidemic

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-26 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs of \$1,433,097 and revenue of \$1,398,700 in FY 2024-25, and estimated costs of \$1,856,905 and revenue of \$1,812,335 in FY 2025-26, for an estimated total of \$9,097,734 in costs and \$8,879,370 in revenue through FY 2029-30. The funding source for this grant is the California Department of Public Health Office of AIDS (CDPH-OA). A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the funding does not offset all costs. These unrecovered costs are estimated to be \$34,397 for FY 2024-25, and \$44,570 for FY 2025-26. The total unrecovered costs are estimated to be \$218,364 through FY 2029-30. The funding source for these costs will be existing Realignment. The public benefit for providing these services far outweighs the costs. There will be no change in net General Fund cost 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: Vargas, 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

