

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 9

SUBJECT: ACCEPT TOBACCO TAX FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE OF ORAL HEALTH FOR LOCAL ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Office of Oral Health (OOH), formerly the California Oral Health Program, was established in July 2014. The program's mission is to improve the oral health of all Californians through prevention, education, and organized community efforts. To achieve these goals, the OOH provides strategic advice and leadership to oral health stakeholders throughout the state, building oral health workforce capacity and infrastructure, and implementing and evaluating evidence-based best practices in oral disease prevention through the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services' Local Oral Health Program (LOHP). The goal of the LOHP is to continue to create and expand capacity at the local level through education, disease prevention, community-clinical linkages, and surveillance. These activities will improve the oral health of California's most vulnerable populations. The County has received OOH funding since 2017 and, the new proposed funding term will support activities for the next five years.

Because of the 1988 California voter-approved Proposition 99, the Tobacco Tax Initiative, the County has received funding from the State for local tobacco education and prevention activities since 1989. The 2016 California voter-approved Proposition 56, the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax of 2016, increased the cigarette tax by \$2.00 per pack, with equivalent increases on other tobacco products and electronic cigarettes. As a result of Proposition 56, the County has received additional funding for local tobacco education and prevention activities including oral health.

Today's action requests the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to authorize acceptance of \$4,206,950 in funds from the CDPH OOH, for the term of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027, and to authorize the Clerk of the Board to execute all required LOHP grant documents including any annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level. Additional LOHP funds may become available which may exceed the amount previously authorized. Today's action also seeks authority to accept any excess funds if they were to become available. Today's action also requests authority for the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to apply for additional funding opportunities, if available, that address improvements to oral health equity for San Diego County residents.

This item supports the County's 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 our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by providing funding to address oral health and tobacco education, prevention, and cessation activities. In addition, this action supports reducing disparities, securing access to services, and ensuring equal opportunity for health and well-being through partnerships and innovation.

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 revenue agreement applications and full cost recovery of grants.
2. Authorize the acceptance of \$4,206,950 in grant funds from the California Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health, for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027, to provide oral health education and prevention activities, and authorize the Clerk of the Board, 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 Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to apply for additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, to fund efforts for oral health through education, disease prevention, community-clinical linkages, and surveillance.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Racial and ethnic minority groups experience higher rates of illness and death across a wide range of health conditions. Racism is considered a fundamental cause of adverse health outcomes for marginalized populations. The San Diego County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution on January 12, 2021 (8), to acknowledge racism as a public health crisis. This work and other efforts to address racial disparities in oral health must continue to fully tackle the public health impacts of racial injustice.

Cavities continue to be the most common chronic childhood disease, and the data shows that some San Diego County children are still not seeing a dentist. Data from the 2019-2020 California Health Interview Survey showed an estimated 80,000 (16%) children ages three-11 in San Diego County have never been to a dentist. Of San Diego County Medi-Cal recipients, 38% of children ages one to two, 60% of children ages three to five, and 63% of children ages six to nine had an annual dental visit in 2019. In addition, 17% of children ages six to nine and 11% of those ages 10-14 had sealants in 2019 (California Department of Health Care Services). Over 30,000 children under age 10 live in census tracts within Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas, defined as insufficient number of health professionals relative to the population with consideration of high need (San Diego Association of Governments/SANDAG 2020).

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services' Local Oral Health Program (LOHP) will implement all required evaluation activities and strategies to monitor progress in reducing dental disease, providing oral health education, promoting prevention, creating community-clinical linkages, and surveillance. This aligns with the California Oral Health Plan, which offers a structure for collective action to assess and monitor oral health status and disparities in California. Key program successes will be shared with the LOHP advisory committee, San Diego County Oral Health Coalition, and other key stakeholders.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in costs of \$868,604 and revenue of \$841,390 in Fiscal Year 2022-23, and costs of \$868,762 and revenue of \$841,390 in Fiscal Year 2023-24. Funds for subsequent years will be incorporated into future operational plans. The funding source is the California Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health Moving California Oral Health Forward. A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the funding does not offset all costs. These costs which will not be recovered are estimated at \$27,214 for Fiscal Year 2022-23, and \$27,372 for Fiscal Year 2023-24. The funding source for these costs is Health Realignment. The public benefit for providing these services far outweighs these costs. There is no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Fletcher, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

ABSENT: Anderson

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

