

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 10

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION FOR AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AGREEMENT FOR HIV SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego (County) Getting to Zero initiative seeks to end the HIV epidemic locally through focused efforts related to testing, treatment, and prevention. This item supports the Getting to Zero initiative by providing surveillance information to measure outcomes and identifying subpopulations of individuals living with HIV disease who are in need of medical care and treatment and support services. These support services include case management, mental health treatment, and substance-use treatment to help them remain in medical care over time.

For the past 25 years, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) has authorized agreements with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to accept Integrated HIV Surveillance and Prevention Funding for Health Departments. This agreement provides services to reduce transmission of HIV disease in San Diego County and to improve health outcomes for people living with or newly diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. On July 23, 2019 (8), the Board authorized a five-year agreement for HIV/AIDS Surveillance services through June 30, 2024, for an approximate amount of \$3,500,000.

Pending release of the 2024-29 HIV Surveillance Program grant application and award notification, today's action requests the Board approve and authorize the Clerk of the Board to execute a new 2024-29 HIV Surveillance Program agreement with CDPH, from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2029, for an anticipated five-year total of approximately \$3,300,000. Additionally, today's action also requests the Board authorize future funding opportunities to enhance surveillance to improve data-driven decision management in support of individuals and families who are impacted by HIV disease in San Diego County. These actions also support the *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities by enabling ongoing surveillance activities to improve the treatment and health of persons with HIV disease in San Diego County. This will be accomplished through enhancing identification of reportable health conditions and improving access to prevention, testing, and high-quality medical care that lead to improved health.

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 application for and the acceptance of approximately \$3,300,000 in grant funds from the California Department of Public Health for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029, for HIV disease related surveillance under the 2024-29 HIV Surveillance Program.
3. Authorize the Clerk of the Board to execute all required grant documents, including any extensions, amendments and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.

4. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to pursue future funding opportunities related to enhancing surveillance to improve data-driven decision management in support of those impacted by HIV disease.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

HIV has disproportionately impacted some of our most vulnerable residents who include Black and Hispanic communities, gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men. According to the Gallup.com article “LGBTQ+ Identification Rises to 5.6% in Latest U.S. Estimate” (2021), gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men currently comprise of approximately 2.5% of the adult population. However, in San Diego County, gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men comprise 62% of recent HIV diagnoses and 71% of persons living with HIV. Moreover, in San Diego County, like much of the rest of the United States, HIV has disproportionately impacted Black and Hispanic communities. Blacks comprise less than 5% of the county population but comprise 14% of recent HIV diagnoses. Hispanics comprise 34% of the county population yet comprise 49% of recent HIV diagnoses. The County of San Diego (County) local Getting to Zero initiative places a priority on reaching residents and communities most disproportionately impacted by HIV by identifying everyone living with HIV in San Diego County and linking them to HIV treatment services and support. By utilizing the information collected from the HIV Surveillance Program and by engaging in continuous quality improvement activities to achieve the objectives of the Getting to Zero initiative, those disproportionately impacted by HIV can be reached to achieve collective impact and improve outcomes along the HIV care continuum.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed actions align with the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services and resources, and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and well-being of San Diegans. Ongoing surveillance activities and efforts are designed to improve the overall health and well-being for individuals living with HIV disease while supporting the Getting to Zero initiative. These activities and efforts include 1) identifying subpopulations of individuals living with HIV disease who need medical care and treatment, and 2) providing additional support through services, such as case management, mental health treatment, and substance-use treatment to help individuals remain in medical care.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, today’s actions will result in estimated costs of \$759,816 and approximate revenue of \$660,768 in FY 2024-25 and estimated costs of \$759,816 and approximate revenue of \$660,768 in FY 2025-26. 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. Unrecovered costs are estimated at \$99,048 for FY 2024-25 and \$99,048 for FY 2025-26. The funding source for these costs is Realignment. The public benefit of 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 Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

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