

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

MINUTE ORDER NO. 5

SUBJECT: RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE COVID-19 RESPONSE, RATIFY ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY AND LOCAL EMERGENCY, AND AUTHORIZE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

A novel coronavirus (COVID-19) was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province in China in December 2019. Since then, the virus has rapidly spread across the globe, resulting in the World Health Organization (WHO) declaring COVID-19 a pandemic on March 11, 2020.

On February 14, 2020, the San Diego County Public Health Officer issued a Declaration of Local Health Emergency, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 101080. Additionally, on that day, pursuant to California Government Code 8630, the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), serving as the County of San Diego (County) Director of Emergency Services and as the Coordinator of the Unified San Diego County Emergency Services Organization, issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency regarding COVID-19.

The County continues to make significant efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19. Today's actions request the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) to receive an update on the local COVID-19 response and ratify all actions taken by the CAO, Public Health Officer, Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting and Director, Department of General Services in response to the local health emergency and local emergency. It is also recommended that the Board take any other action necessary to address the COVID-19 pandemic emergency response.

Today's proposed actions support the County's *Live Well San Diego* vision by protecting the health of residents against the COVID-19 pandemic.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Receive an update on the COVID-19 response.
2. Ratify all actions taken by the Chief Administrative Officer, Public Health Officer, Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, and Director, Department of General Services in response to the local health emergency and local emergency, including ratifying that the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting acted within the Director's authority under San Diego County Administrative Code section 402 when the Director negotiated and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price made emergency purchases with the entities listed in Attachment A for Community Health Worker Services.
3. Take any other action necessary to address the COVID-19 pandemic emergency response.

FISCAL IMPACT

Prior action by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) created a framework for the use of over \$431 million in CARES Act, Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) revenue (\$390.7 million), and County of San Diego (County) General Fund Fund Balance (\$40.6 million), through December 30, 2020, toward our COVID-19 response efforts and for economic and community investments. The framework included public health and medical services, testing, tracing, treatment, temporary housing assistance, sanitation, food distribution services, allocations to the 17 cities that did not receive direct CARES Act funds, child care vouchers, child care provider grant program, economic stimulus program, child welfare outreach, Behavioral Health telehealth, compliance efforts, rental assistance, remote learning internet access for students, and administrative support. The estimated cost through the end of December 2020 is \$440.8 million. The County is currently spending an estimated \$11.8 million a week toward County response, Test, Trace, and Treat (T3) efforts, continuation of the Great Plates Delivered program, the COVID Income Stipend Program, and vaccination efforts. The County will rely on available stimulus funding, program revenues, Realignment, and County General Fund Fund Balance to cover costs. The County will continue to pursue other federal and State stimulus revenue and funding sources, including funds through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Recommendation #2: Ratify Contracts for Community Health Worker Services

Funds for this request are not included in the FY 2020-22 Operational Plan in HHSA. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenues of \$1.4 million in FY 2020-21 and estimated costs and revenues of \$4.2 million in FY 2021-22. The funding source is anticipated to be Federal and/or State stimulus funds. If needed, additional appropriations will be requested through future Board action. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

This action will help support individuals, families and small businesses impacted by COVID-19.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions:

1. Received an update on the COVID-19 response.
2. Ratified all actions taken by the Chief Administrative Officer, Public Health Officer, Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, and Director, Department of General Services in response to the local health emergency and local emergency, including ratifying that the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting acted within the Director's authority under San Diego County Administrative Code section 402 when the Director negotiated and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price made emergency purchases with the entities listed in Attachment A for Community Health Worker Services.

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



Signed
by Andrew Potter

