

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 7**

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING TO ADDRESS SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS AND APPLY FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (DISTRICT: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) remain a significant public health concern locally and across California and the United States. STIs can be associated with increased risk of HIV acquisition and transmission and can cause multiple health complications, including infertility, blindness, hearing loss, and death. Surveillance data demonstrate that the incidence of reportable bacterial STIs increased in San Diego County starting in 2003 and continued to increase through 2022. In 2023 and 2024, data has started to show decreases in STI rates.

The County of San Diego (County) receives funding from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to implement public health activities related to prevention, testing, treatment, referral, surveillance, disease investigation, partner services, and community partnerships to support the most vulnerable and underserved individuals living with, or at risk for, sexually transmitted infections. This work is done in collaboration with community-based organizations within our Local Health Jurisdiction and supports increasing access to STI clinical services for LGBTQ+ populations.

On November 25, 2025, CDPH notified the County of funding for the next five fiscal years for the STI Prevention and Collaboration grant. Today's action requests the San Diego County Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the acceptance of approximately \$5,736,290 in funding for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031, to support core STI prevention and control activities in San Diego County and authorize applications for additional funding opportunity announcements to support STI testing and prevention resources throughout the region.

Today's action supports the 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 as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished through services that link residents who are vulnerable to HIV and STIs to testing and prevention resources, as well as ensuring that residents with STIs are linked to care and treatment services.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Authorize the acceptance of approximately \$5,736,290 in funding from the California Department of Public Health, STD Control Branch, for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2031, and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to execute all required documents, upon receipt, including any extensions, amendments, or revisions thereto that do not materially impact the program or funding level.

2. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, in this and future fiscal years, to apply for additional funding for HIV and sexually transmitted infection prevention, testing, diagnostic and/or treatment services.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

In San Diego County, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) disproportionately impact communities of color (particularly Black/African American residents), youth, and gay, bisexual, and men who have sex with men. According to the 2024 STI data from the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services, HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch, local STI transmission rates were higher among Black/African Americans and other/mixed-race women and men than among other populations. Specifically, the rate of gonorrhea in Black/African American males was 2.8 times higher than that of white males and 2.6 times that of Hispanic males. In addition, the rate of infection in Black African American females for 3.4 times higher that of while females and 3.1 times that of Hispanic females.

Over the past few years, the County has conducted various community engagement activities focused on identifying and addressing disparities among populations most impacted by HIV and STIs in San Diego County. Currently, there are community engagement projects that focus on the HIV needs of Asian/American Pacific Islander population, and community engagement is occurring with Black/African American, Latino/Hispanic and transgender individuals with a greater emphasis on STIs, particularly congenital syphilis. Funds from the California Department of Public Health will enhance clinical services for LGBTQ+ populations.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed action supports the County of San Diego (County) 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. This will be accomplished by increasing the capacity and skill of our disease intervention staff with an aim to prevent, identify, and treat sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Testing, identification, and treatment of STIs 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**

Funds for this request will be included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-28 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated annual costs and revenue of \$1,147,258 through FY 2030-31 for a total of \$5,736,290. The funding source for this grant is the California Department of Public Health. 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 Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Aguirre, 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