



# COUNTY of VENTURA

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**Subject: Authorization to Submit a Grant Application to the Office of Child Abuse Prevention in the Amount of \$1,800,000 for a Three-Year Road to Resilience Program to Mitigate Risk Factors for Infants Affected by Parental Substance Abuse; and Authorization to Accept Funding and Sign Related Grant Agreements.**

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**Recommendations:**

1. Authorize the Human Services Agency (HSA) Director to submit a grant application to the California Department of Social Services' Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) in the amount of \$1,800,000 for a three-year Road to Resilience program to provide pregnant women with a current or prior history of substance abuse and parents or caregivers of substance-exposed infants 0-12 months old with services and supports that will mitigate risk factors and maltreatment for infants affected by parental substance use.
2. Authorize the HSA Director, or designee, to accept funding from and sign any agreements with OCAP related to this grant, subject to County Executive Office and County Counsel review and approval.

**Fiscal/Mandates Impact:**

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	Federal
Funding Match Required:	No
Impact on other Departments:	Health Care Agency-Public Health (VCPH)

**Summary of Revenue and Costs for HSA:**

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>	<u>FY 2024-25</u>
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Direct	\$0	\$425,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$425,000</b>

<b>Costs:</b>		
Direct	\$0	\$425,000
Indirect	\$0	Minimal
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$425,000</b>
<b>Net County Cost</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Summary of Revenue and Costs for VCPH:**

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>	<u>FY 2024-25</u>
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Direct	\$0	\$175,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>
<b>Costs:</b>		
Direct	\$0	\$175,000
Indirect	\$0	Minimal
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>
<b>Net County Cost</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

There is no Net County Cost associated with this grant. If selected for funding, the grant duration will be July 1, 2024–June 30, 2027. In addition to the amounts shown above, \$600,000 will be realized in FY 2025-26 and \$600,000 in FY 2026-27. Adequate appropriations and revenues will be requested during the annual budget development process for those future years for both HSA and VCPH.

<b>FY 2023-24 Current Budget for HSA Program Operations – Div. 3410</b>				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$205,531,529	\$211,336,777	\$211,336,777	\$0
Revenue	\$181,427,098	\$181,427,098	\$181,427,098	\$0
Net Cost	\$24,104,431	\$29,909,679	\$29,909,679	\$0

<b>FY 2023-24 Current Budget for HCA Public Health – Div. 3100</b>				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$41,790,369	\$57,185,678	\$57,185,678	\$0
Revenue	\$38,078,241	\$46,392,875	\$46,392,875	\$0
Net Cost	\$3,712,128	\$10,792,803	\$10,792,803	\$0

**Discussion:**

A substance-exposed infant is defined as an infant aged 0-12 months whose health or safety is affected by the mother’s prenatal or perinatal use of alcohol or other drugs (including both legal and illegal substances) or is diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome or Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. The Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division of

California Department of Public Health estimates that in Ventura County, the rate of prenatal alcohol consumption is 8.9%, prenatal cannabis use is 3.8%, and prenatal tobacco use is 1.7%. Further, of the 24,747 babies born between 2019-2021 in Ventura County, 293 deliveries involved a mother who had a substance use disorder, and of the 25,106 hospital births between 2020-2022 in Ventura County, 114 babies were born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.

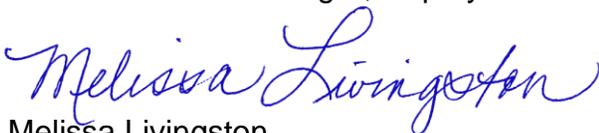
The Road to Resilience program aims to reduce substance exposure to infants and mitigate negative outcomes associated with prenatal and perinatal substance use by strengthening supports for pregnant women with known histories of substance use, pregnant women with current substance use, and parents and caregivers of substance-exposed infants. HSA Children & Family Services will partner with VCPH in the delivery of services, as well as local community-based organizations that have experience working with mothers and caregivers of substance-exposed infants. Research has found that successful prevention strategies must both reduce risk factors and build protective factors to best safeguard the safety and well-being of children. Services will include health, education, counseling, peer support, in-home case management and visits from home-health nurses providing maternal and infant care to prevent substance use or relapse, ameliorate negative child outcomes associated with parental substance use and assist the mother to provide care to her substance-exposed infant.

We ask your Board to authorize the HSA Director to submit a grant application to OCAP in the amount of \$1,800,000 for a three-year Road to Resilience program and to accept funding and sign any related grant agreements, subject to County Executive Office and County Counsel review and approval.

**Strategic Plan:**

The Road to Resilience program contributes to the County's 2024-2027 Strategic Plan priority to provide 'Healthy, Safe, and Resilient Communities', Goal (1) Provide equitable and timely access to quality healthcare, mental health, and public health services.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office and County Counsel. If you have any questions, please contact me at 805-477-5301, or David Swanson Hollinger, Deputy Director, Children & Family Services, at 805-477-5311.



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