

November 7, 2023

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: Approval and Ratification for the Director of Public Health to Accept the California Department of Public Health's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch Recurring Grant Award for the Next 3-Year Term (July 1, 2023, to June 20, 2026) Totaling \$1,928,079; Approval and Ratification for the Director of Public Health to Sign the Grant Agreement and Related Documents; Recommendation No. 3 Requires 4/5ths Vote.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Approve, and ratify the Director of Public Health's acceptance of the California Department of Public Health Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch (CDPH-CLPPB) grant award with a maximum amount of \$1,928,079 for the grant period July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2026. (Exhibit 1).
2. Approve, and ratify the Director of Public Health's signature for the grant agreement and related documents.
3. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the necessary budgetary transactions to Health Care Agency-Public Health (HCA-PH) Unit 3145 Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) to revise the appropriations and revenues (requires 4/5ths vote) as follows:

HCA - Public Health- Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (Unit 3145):

INCREASE 3140-3145	Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 1,432,220
INCREASE 3140-3145	Salaries and Benefits	\$ 1,072,545
INCREASE 3140-3145	Services and Supplies	\$ 359,675

Reason for Ratification:

Ventura County Public Health (VCPH) was notified of the updated California Department of Public Health Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch grant award on August 25, 2023, including the request for all contract approvals and signatures by September 30th, 2023 to align with the first quarter invoicing. The expanded scope of work and increase in allocations required review by Fiscal, County Counsel, and County Executive Office (CEO). Due to the timeframe required to align the contract with first quarter invoicing, CEO approval was obtained for the Director of Public Health to sign the long-standing recurring 3-year Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) agreement and related documents, which were also reviewed by County Counsel. This was the earliest opportunity to present to your Board.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory: No

Source of Funding: California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

Funding Match Required: None

Impact on Other Departments: None

Summary of Revenues and Costs:	<u>FY 2023-24</u>	<u>FY 2024-25</u>
Revenue:	\$ 597,551	\$ 643,699
Costs:		
Direct	\$ 507,347	\$ 545,169
Indirect-Dept.	\$ 90,204	\$ 98,530
Indirect-County CAP	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Net Costs	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$ -0-	\$ -0-

FY 2023-24 Budget Projection:

FY 2023-2024 Budget Projection for HCA-PH - Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (Unit 3145):				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Actual	Estimated Savings/ (Deficit)
Appropriations	\$ 1,906,704	\$ 2,229,538	\$ 2,229,538	\$ -0-
Revenue	\$ 1,971,816	\$ 1,971,816	\$ 1,971,816	\$ -0-
Net Cost	\$ (65,112)	\$ 257,722	\$ 257,722	\$ -0-

Discussion:

Childhood lead poisoning is a serious public health concern that can have lifelong effects on a child's physical and cognitive development. It is caused by exposure to lead, which can occur through contaminated soil, water, paint, and other household items. The effects of lead poisoning can be irreversible and long-lasting, posing a significant threat to a child's future well-being. The Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act of 1991, California Health and Safety Code Sections 105275 to 105310 reaffirmed California's commitment to lead poisoning prevention activities; providing the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) with mandates on blood lead screening protocols, laboratory quality assurance, identification and management of lead-exposed children, and reducing lead exposures.

The Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) is a longstanding program administered through the County of Ventura's Public Health Department. The program is funded by a recurring 3-year grant contract through CDPH. The contract provides Local Assistance funds specifically authorized by the Health and Safety Code, Section 105290. The program activities are monitored by the CDPH Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch (CLPPB). The Ventura County CLPPP conducts lead screenings, provides education to families on lead-safe practices, identifies lead hazards in homes and other environments where children spend time, and provides case management to children with elevated blood lead levels.

On June 6, 2023, the Board approved the preliminary CLPPP budget for a total of \$495,859 for fiscal year 2023-2024. Following contract negotiations, the final award for the contract period of July 1, 2023, to June 20, 2026, was increased to a total of \$1,928,079 for the 3-year grant period. This is a total increase of \$833,004 from the prior 3-year contract period.

The increase in funding is correlated to the expanded scope of work set forth by CDPH and reflected in the updated contract. New program activities emphasize a proactive approach to outreach efforts and addressing lead hazards in the community through environmental investigations and inspections. Additionally, the CDPH has issued new guidelines to lower the actionable blood lead levels from 4.5 mcg/dL to 3.5 mcg/dL. This regulatory change is expected to lead to an increase in the number of children who require monitoring and case management.

CDPH acknowledges the importance of addressing lead hazards proactively. The increased allocation accommodates additional resources required to meet the rising demand for services. Accepting the recurring 3-year contract enables the Ventura County CLPPP to provide more direct case management services, educate communities, families, and healthcare providers, and assist in expanding existing partnerships to enhance testing, break down barriers to care, and facilitate a seamless continuum of care.

This letter has been reviewed by the County Counsel, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and the County Executive Office. If you have any questions regarding this item, please call Rigoberto Vargas at (805) 981-5101.


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- Exhibit 1 – CLPPP Scope of Work and Budget Detail
- Exhibit 2 – Standard Agreement
- Exhibit 3 – Contractor Certification Clauses
- Exhibit 4 – Government Agency Taxpayer Form