



Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence

June 18, 2024

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

Subject: Ratification and Approval of, and Authorization for the Director of Public Health's Submission of an Application for and Acceptance of a Grant Award in the Amount of \$853,758 from the California Department of Public Health, Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control Branch for the Sexually Transmitted Infections Prevention and Collaboration Program, Effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026; Approval of, and Authorization for the Director of Public Health to Sign Related Documents; Approval of, and Authorization for the Purchasing Agent or Designee to Sign, Agreement with Diversity Collective Ventura County for Professional Services for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$377,196, Effective July 1, 2024 Through June 30, 2026 (Recommendation #4 Requires 4/5ths Vote)

Recommendations:

1. Ratify, and approve of and authorize the Director of Public Health, or designee, to accept the renewal of the STI Prevention and Collaboration funding award in the amount of \$853,758 from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Control Branch for the Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Prevention and Collaboration Program, Effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.
2. Approve and authorize the Director of Public Health or designee to sign, the award agreement and related documents, including any future amendments to the agreement making corrections, clarifications, technical changes, and other modifications, provided that the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the agreements, and do not result in additional costs to the County, subject to County Counsel review and approval.
3. Approve, and authorize the Purchasing Agent or designee to sign, an agreement with Diversity Collective Ventura County (DCVC), for professional services, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$377,196, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

4. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the necessary accounting Transactions to Unit 3109 (Communicable Disease Programs) to adjust appropriations and unanticipated revenue as follows for FY 2024-25 (Requires 4/5ths vote):

HCA - Public Health Program, Unit 3109

INCREASE 3100-3109	Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 426,879
INCREASE 3100-3109	Salaries and Benefits	\$ 167,386
INCREASE 3100-3109	Services and Supplies	\$ 259,493

Appropriations and revenue of \$426,879 are included in the FY 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget for Unit 3109 – Clinics, Tuberculosis, Communicable Disease and Immunization.

Reason for Ratification:

Ventura County Public Health (VCPH) was notified of the opportunity for this award on January 24, 2024. The deadline for VCPH to submit the required participation documents to CDPH was March 29, 2024. Due to the timing, this was the earliest opportunity to present this item to your Board.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory: No

Source of Funding: State Funding through the California Department of Public Health, Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control Branch

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:	\$ -0-	\$ 426,879
Costs:		
Direct	\$ -0-	\$ 426,879
Indirect-Dept.	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Indirect-County CAP	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Net Costs	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$ -0-	\$ -0-

Strategic Plan Priority:

The item presented in this Board letter aligns with the Healthy, Safe, and Resilient Communities strategic priority of the County Strategic Plan as it is designed to meet the goal of providing equitable and timely access to quality public health services.

Discussion:

The California Department of Public Health STD Control Branch intends to renew the STI Prevention and Collaboration Grant and award VCPH \$853,758 in funds. This grant is a continuation of the grant approved by your board on December 13, 2022. CDPH combined the STI Collaboration Grant and the STD Core Grant currently held by VCPH. These funds are intended to be used for the implementation of public health activities to monitor, investigate, and prevent STDs in collaboration with a community-based organization (CBO) within Ventura County.

Ventura County Public Health's (VCPH) Communicable Disease Program (CDP) currently monitors, investigates, and works to prevent STDs through various activities in collaboration with Diversity Collective Ventura County (DCVC), which serves the LGBTQ+ population, to provide more targeted outreach, education services, and participation incentives for individuals at high risk for STDs.

The renewal of the grant award will allow DCVC to provide the various activities and continue the mission to reduce the transmission and impact of sexually transmitted infections (STI), HIV, Mpox, and viral hepatitis in Ventura County, particularly among communities disproportionately affected by these infections. Approval of an agreement with DCVC will allow for the continuation of prevention activities in collaboration with Ventura County Public Health.

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


RIGOBERTO VARGAS
Public Health Director


BARRY ZIMMERMAN
Health Care Agency Director

Attachments:

- Exhibit 1 - Acceptance of Award
- Exhibit 2 - Allocation Letter
- Exhibit 3 - STI Allocations Memorandum
- Exhibit 4 - Diversity Collective of Ventura County Agreement