

# HEALTH MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES

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June 7, 2019

Patricia Salas  
Commander  
Ventura County Sheriff's Office  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

Dear Ms. Salas,

This letter is in regard to the funding that will be provided to Ventura County through its participation in the project *Expanding Access to MAT in County Criminal Justice Systems*. Ventura County is one of 22 California counties that have been selected to participate in this project and committed to the participation of a team of key stakeholders from jail custody and health care services, the county administrator's office, the county drug treatment program, and the courts/legal system.

Funding for this project is granted by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) under its federally-funded response to the opioid crisis. In order for counties to achieve their goals of increasing access to MAT, DHCS is providing county teams with funds to enable rapid implementation of Medication Assisted Treatment and SUD treatment in jails and drug courts.

Ventura County will be receiving \$260,000. The county team has already submitted a plan that meets the program guidelines Ventura has been approved to receive this award. The money will be provided in two parts. The first payment of half the award amount (\$130,000) will be sent upon receipt of the signed MOU. The second part will be awarded in August after we receive a progress report from the county team.

Please direct any further questions to me and congratulations on this important award.

Sincerely,



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