

November 17, 2020

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

Subject: Ratification of the Submission of an Application by the Ventura County Public Health Department for COVID-19 Crisis Response Funding, in an Amount up to \$125,000; Authorization for the Director of Public Health, or Designee, to Accept Funding and Sign Related Agreements; Authorization for the Auditor-Controller to Process the Necessary Accounting Transactions. (Recommendation No. 3 Requires 4/5ths Vote.)

Recommendations:

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Ratify the submission of an application by the Public Health Department for COVID-19 Crisis Response Funding.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Health, or designee, to accept COVID-19 Crisis Response Funding in an amount up to \$125,000 and sign any related agreements, subject to County Counsel review and approval.
3. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the necessary accounting transactions to revise appropriations and unanticipated revenues for Unit 3111 (HCA-Public Health Laboratory) as follows for FY 2020-21 (requires 4/5ths vote):

HCA -Public Health Laboratory (Unit 3111)

INCREASE 3100-3111 Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 125,000
INCREASE 3100-3111 Salaries & Benefits	\$ 92,356
INCREASE 3100-3111 Services & Supplies	\$ 32,644

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory: No

Source of Funding: California Department of Public Health, Infectious Diseases Branch

Funding Match Required: None

Impact on Other Departments: None

Summary of Revenues and Costs:	<u>FY 2020-21</u>	<u>FY 2021-22</u>
Revenue:	\$ 125,000	\$ -0-
Costs:		
Direct	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Indirect-Dept.	\$ 125,000	\$ -0-
Indirect-County CAP	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Total Costs	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Net Costs	\$ -0-	\$ -0-

Current FY 2020-21 Budget Projections:

FY 2020-21 Budget Projection for Communicable Disease Program, Unit 3111				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings (Deficit)
Appropriations	\$ 2,435,168	\$ 2,435,168	\$ 2,435,168	\$ 0
Revenue	\$ 2,436,359	\$ 2,436,359	\$ 2,436,359	\$ 0
Net Cost	(\$ 1,191)	(\$ 1,191)	(\$ 1,191)	\$ 0

Reason for Ratification:

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released a notice of allocation for this funding on August 17, 2020, with a due date of August 31, 2020 for submission of a budget and scope of work. Due to the short time to respond and your Board's meeting schedule, approval by your Board could not be obtained in advance.

Discussion:

The CDPH, Infectious Diseases Branch (IDB) is awarding COVID-19 Crisis Response Funding to several California counties. Ventura County Public Health (VCPH) has been allocated funds of up to \$125,000 through the term of the agreement, which is March 5, 2020 through March 15, 2021. The intention of this funding is to implement COVID-19 sentinel community surveillance, which is designed to detect community spread of the disease by testing individuals for respiratory viral infections, including those who are apparently well, to discover unseen transmission.

VCPH has partnered with the Health Care Agency administration and the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services, which operate the Oxnard, Moorpark, and Santa Paula COVID-19 drive-through testing sites, to conduct SARS-COV-2 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and Respiratory Viral Panel (RVP) testing. All specimens will be sent to the Ventura County Public Health Lab for handling. This funding will allow for incentives for participation and assist with supporting existing lab positions when staff are performing program related duties. Data from this surveillance will guide decisions regarding the effectiveness of current mitigation strategies.

Strategic Plan:

The COVID-19 Crisis Response Funding aligns with Focus Area 4, Community Well-being in the Ventura County's Strategic Plan Goal number 1.

Health in All Policies:

The COVID-19 Crisis Response Funding will assist the County in protecting the health of all communities in Ventura County by increasing surveillance efforts in preventing and mitigating the spread of COVID-19 and aligns with the statewide strategic goal of addressing this pandemic.

This letter has been reviewed by 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 – Notice of Award