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Future of Public Health Funding
Award Number FoPH-059
County of Ventura

Authority:

Budget Act of 2022 for budget year 2022-2023, H&S Code 101321, 101320.3 and 101320.5

Dear Dr. Robert Levin, Rigoberto Vargas:

The Budget Act of 2022 for budget year 2022-2023 [Health and Safety Code 101320, 101320.3, and 101320.5] provides \$200,400,000 annually to local health jurisdictions for public health workforce and infrastructure, referred to in this letter as the Future of Public Health Funding. These funds are considered ongoing funds and part of the ongoing baseline state budget. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is allocating **\$3,857,269** to **County of Ventura**.

As a condition of the funding, each local health jurisdiction shall, by Dec 30, 2023 and every three years thereafter, be required to submit a public health plan to CDPH pursuant to the requirements.

This letter provides submission requirements for the period of **July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023**. Funds allocated for this period are available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2024 to support local health jurisdictions and strengthen local infrastructure.

Funding:

For the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. CDPH will evaluate spending at the local level in January 2023. CDPH, in consultation with the California Conference of Local Health Officers, the California Health Executives Association of California, and the



Service Employees International Union (SEIU), will consider options for possible redirection of funds at that time.

The methodology for allocating these funds as set by statute are as follows:

1. Each Local Health Jurisdiction will receive a base funding amount of \$350,000 per year.
2. The remaining balance of the appropriation will be provided to Local Health Jurisdiction proportionally as follows:
 - a. 50 percent based on 2019, or most recent, population data
 - b. 25 percent based on 2019, or most recent, poverty data
 - c. 25 percent based on 2019, or most recent, the share of the population that is Black/African-American/Latinx/or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.

Allocations to Local Health Jurisdictions are included in Attachment 1.

Funding Requirement:

Non-Supplantation

The funds allocated to each Local Health Jurisdiction may only be used to supplement, rather than supplant, existing levels of services provided by the Local Health Jurisdiction.

Each Local Health Jurisdiction receiving funds shall annually certify to the department that its portion of this funding shall be used to supplement and not supplant all other specific local city, county, or city and county funds including, but not limited to, 1991 health local realignment and city, county, or city and county general fund resources utilized for Local Health Jurisdiction purposes, and excluding federal funds in this determination. See Attachment 2 for certification form.

Required Use of Funding

1. Each Local Health Jurisdiction must dedicate at least 70 percent of funds to support the hiring of permanent city or county staff, including benefits and training.
2. Remaining funds, not to exceed 30 percent, may be used for equipment, supplies, and other administrative purposes such as facility space, furnishings, and travel.

Workplan/Spend Plan Requirements

1. Each Workplan should be informed by a Community Health Assessment, Community Health Improvement Plan, and/or local Strategic Plan.
2. If a current Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan has not yet been completed by your Local Health Jurisdiction, the state fiscal year 2022-2023 Workplan should describe how the Local Health Jurisdiction will identify and address relevant community health issues and provide a plan and target date for completion of a Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan. A Community Health Assessment and Community Health Plan should be completed by December 30, 2023. Local Health Jurisdictions should

describe in the Workplan and Spend Plan what positions your Agency plans to hire and how it will support your local objectives in which you have direct influence in achieving.

3. The Workplan should include an evaluation plan and metrics.
4. All Local Health Jurisdictions will be required to measure and evaluate the process and outcome of hiring permanent staff.

Redirection of Funding

A Local Health Jurisdiction may direct a portion of their funds to another local health jurisdiction in support of regional capacity. The Local Health Jurisdiction should submit a letter of support to CDPH from the Local Health Jurisdiction in which these funds are directed to, along with a description of the regional capacity the funds will support. The letter should be included as an additional attachment to the submission package.

Submission Requirements:

1. Complete a Workplan and Spend Plan by September 15, 2022 and submit to CDPH at: FoPHfunding@cdph.ca.gov. See *Attachments 3 and 4*. Your Agency should consider the following when developing your Workplan and Spend Plan:
 - It is recommended that your Agency fund an administrative position to ensure fiscal accountability and reporting requirements of the various Future of Public Health funds. At least seventy (70%) percent of your Agency funds must go towards the hiring of permanent city or county staff. Your agency must complete the table in Attachment 3 (Workplan and Reporting) to indicate how many positions in each type of classification across the listed public health areas your Agency plans to hire.
 - Your Agency may dedicate up to 30% of the allocated funding to fund partners and/or contractors, or used for equipment, supplies and other administrative purposes such as current staff compensation, staff development, facility space, furnishings, and travel.
 - Your Agency is encouraged to recruit and give hiring preference to unemployed workers, underemployed workers, and a diversity of applicants from local communities who are qualified to perform the work. In addition, you are encouraged to work with applicants from your community.
 - Your Agency is encouraged to explore transitioning limited-term or contracted staff/positions previously funded through limited term federal funding into permanent positions for the city; county; or city and county
 - If your Agency will be dedicating a portion of your funds to another Local Health Jurisdiction to increase regional capacity, your Agency should submit a letter of support from the Local Health Jurisdiction receiving those funds. Adjustments should be reflected in the workplan and spend plan that is

submitted to CDPH for review and approval. The letter should be included as an additional attachment to the submission package.

2. Your Agency must also meet the following minimum requirements for these funds and include descriptions in your Agency's Workplan:
 - i. A description of how your Agency will achieve 24/7 health officer coverage.
 - ii. A description of how your Agency will meet your Community Health Assessment (CHA)/Community Health Improvement plan (CHIP) and/or local Strategic plan goals. How do you plan to measure/evaluate the impact of these funds? Please either attach a copy or provide links to your CHA, CHIP, and Strategic Plan or provide a date when these will become available.
 - iii. A description of how your Agency will use these funds to meet your local Health Jurisdiction equity goals.
 - iv. A description of how your Agency will use these funds to become or sustain capacity as a learning organization including continuous quality improvement and Results-Based Accountability/evaluation.
 - v. Commit to Health Officer and Health Director participation in Regional Public Health Office monthly or quarterly meetings as determined by the Region and CDPH
3. In advance of the Workplan and Spend Plan due date, your Agency should respond to CDPH acknowledging that you accept the allocation funds outlined in this letter.

Reporting Requirements:

As a recipient of the Future of Public Health Funding, the following reporting documents will be required:

For your convenience, your Contract Manager will issue reminders as these dates get closer.

1. Submit quarterly progress reports on hiring progress to CDPH following the schedule below. Starting with the quarter 2 progress report, provide status of timelines, goals, and objectives outlined in your workplan. See *Attachment 3*. Note, if your workplan is under review by CDPH and has not been approved by the progress report due date, you are still required to submit your progress report to CDPH.

Year/Quarter	Reporting Period	Due Date
Year 1/Q1	July 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022	October 30, 2022
Year 1/Q2	October 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022	January 30, 2023
Year 1/Q3	January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023	April 30, 2023
Final	April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023	July 30, 2023

2. Submit quarterly expenditure reports to CDPH following the schedule below. Expenditure reporting should be completed within your Spend Plan. Note, if your spend plan is under review by CDPH and has not been approved by the reporting due date, you are still required to submit your expenditure report to CDPH. See Attachment 4.

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Year 1/Q2	October 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022	January 30, 2023
Year 1/Q3	January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023	April 30, 2023
Final	April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023	July 30, 2023

3. CDPH will provide a template to use to facilitate the reporting of these data metrics.

Reimbursement/Invoicing:

CDPH will reimburse your Agency upon receipt of invoice. In order to receive your reimbursements, please complete and submit your invoice(s) to:

FoPHfunding@cdph.ca.gov. See Attachment 5.

1. First Quarter Payment: CDPH will issue a warrant (check) to your Agency for 25% of your total allocation, this will be issued as an advance payment.
2. Future payments will be based on reimbursement of expenditures once the 25% advance payment has been fully expended. In order to receive future payments, your Agency must complete and submit reporting documentation within Attachments 3 and 4 following the due dates above within Reporting Requirements.
3. Your Agency must maintain supporting documentation for any expenditures invoiced to CDPH against this source of funding. Documentation should be readily available in the event of an audit or upon request from CDPH. Documentation should be maintained onsite for five years.

Thank you for the time your Agency has invested to strengthen public health capacity and preparedness to respond to future emergencies throughout California communities. We are hopeful that this funding will collectively achieve the goal of developing and strengthening California's public health workforce. CDPH is hosting a webinar on **July 14, 2022 from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM** to go over the requirements and activities of this funding. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please reach out to FoPHfunding@cdph.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Fanelli".

Susan Fanelli
Chief Deputy Director
California Department of Public Health

Acknowledgement of Allocation Letter

Instruction: Please check one statement below, sign, and return to
FoPHfunding@cdph.ca.gov

☐ **County of Ventura** acknowledges receipt of this Allocation letter and accepts the funds to be used as outlined under the Submission Requirements section.

☐ **County of Ventura** acknowledges receipt of this Allocation letter and does not accept the funds. **County of Ventura** understands that these funds cannot be delegated to another Agency and CDPH will redistribute funds.

Name of Local Health Jurisdiction designated signee(s): _____

Title/Role: _____

Signature of Local Health Jurisdiction designee: _____

Date: _____

Attachments

Attachment 1: Local Allocations Table
Attachment 2: Certification Form
Attachment 3: Workplan and Reporting
Attachment 4: Spend Plan
Attachment 5: Invoice