

Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence

January 24, 2023

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

SUBJECT

Ratification of the Health Care Agency's (HCA) Post-Award Application for a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Grant for Expanding COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts; Authorization for the HCA Director to Accept the HRSA Expanding COVID-19 Vaccination Grant Award in the Amount of \$914,305 for Six (6) Months; Authorization for the Auditor-Controller to Process the Necessary Accounting Transactions to Expend Grant Funds (Recommendation 3 Requires 4/5ths Vote)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That your Board ratify the Health Care Agency's (HCA) submission of the attached Post-Award application for a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant, to help expand COVID-19 Vaccinations.
2. That your Board authorize the HCA Director or designee to accept the HRSA Expanding COVID-19 Vaccination grant award for the total amount of \$914,305 for six (6) months to provide vaccine distribution for the project period of December 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023.
3. That your Board authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the necessary accounting transactions to revise appropriations and unanticipated revenue as follows (requires 4/5th vote):

VCMC Fund E500, budget Unit 3300-3301

Increase 3300-3301 Services and Supplies
Increase 3300-3301 Salaries and Benefits
Increase 3300-3301 Intergovernmental Revenue

FY 2022-23

\$ 863,056
\$ 51,249
\$ 914,305

FISCAL IMPACT

Mandatory: No
Source of Funding: HRSA
Funding Match Required: No
Impact on Other Departments: Minimal
Summary of Annual Revenues and Costs Under this grant:

	<u>FY 2022-23</u>	<u>FY 2023-24</u>
Revenue:	\$ 914,305	\$ 914,305
Direct Costs:	\$ 914,305	\$ 914,305
Indirect Costs:	-	-
Net Revenue <cost>:	-	-

The project year runs December 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023. The costs shown above represent six (6) months for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

Current Year Fiscal Budget Projections

Current FY 2022-23 Budget Projections for Ventura County Health Care Agency Ambulatory Care – BU 3301				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Actual	Estimated (Savings/Deficit)
Expenditures	\$527,161,445	\$527,161,445	\$527,161,445	\$0.00
Revenue	\$545,623,292	\$545,623,292	\$545,623,292	\$0.00
Operational Income/Loss	\$18,461,847	\$18,461,847	\$18,461,847	\$0.00

REASON FOR RATIFICATION

HCA received the Notice of Award for this grant on December 9, 2022. The funding was allocated before the application process. HCA is required to submit a Post-Award Application on January 8, 2023. Due to the short timeframe of the initial submittal, HCA was unable to seek your Board's approval prior to submission.

DISCUSSION

HCA's designation as a HRSA Community Health Center (Section 330(e) grantee) is critical to its work as a progressive and modern healthcare agency. Eighteen HCA Ambulatory Care clinics are Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). The FQHCs currently provide care for over 96,000 unique patients, including the approximately 6,200 patients who participate in the Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) Program.

Ventura County Ambulatory Care Community Health Centers (VCCHC) was awarded \$914,305 through HRSA's American Rescue Plan – the Expanding COVID-19 Vaccinations grant. This funding was allocated to HRSA designees to support health centers to increase access to, confidence in, and demand for updated COVID-19

vaccines within their service areas, with an emphasis on activities in the first three months of award.

Due to the short time frame and the need to boost vaccine distribution and vaccination campaign efforts, VCCHC will use the majority of the funding, \$746,049, to hire extra help and temporary staff to extend vaccine access at four clinics, including two locations in Oxnard, one in Simi Valley, and one in the Santa Paula/Fillmore area. The remainder of the funding, \$168,256, will be used to partner with community organizations to host community events and to increase vaccine outreach and information efforts through advertisements, social media campaigns, and radio.

This Board letter has been reviewed by County Executive Office, Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel. If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Theresa Cho, MD, Chief Executive Officer of Ambulatory Care, at (805) 677-5290.



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Attachment 1 - HRSA Notice of Award
Attachment 2 - Budget Narrative