



Office of the City Manager

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January 18, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Lisa Warhuus, Director, Health, Housing & Community Services

Subject: Revenue Grant Agreement: Funding Support from the California Department of Public Health to Expand the Disease Intervention Specialist Workforce

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to accept grant funds from California Department of Public Health in the projected amount of \$465,736. This funding is to be utilized from July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025 to expand the Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) workforce to strengthen the public health capacity to mitigate the spread of sexually transmitted disease (STD), HIV, COVID-19 and other infections; and to execute the resultant revenue agreement, contract, and any amendments and extensions.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley will receive funds in the expected amount of \$116,434.00 annually from the State of California to be utilized for FY 2022 through the first half of FY 2025. This grant is not included in the adopted FY 2022 budget. These funds will be allocated to budget code 336-51-506-561-0000-000-000-431110- (CPDH-DIS-STD). There is no match requirement for this funding. Spending of referenced grant funds is subject to Council approval of the budget for each fiscal year and the Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

This grant will support the goal of expanding and enhancing the public health workforce, especially in communicable disease control; which has been chronically underfunded and understaffed. Funds received through this grant will allow the City to hire personnel to address projected jurisdictional sexually transmitted disease, HIV, COVID-19, and other infectious disease prevention and response activities.

As a local public health jurisdiction, the City of Berkeley provides a broad range of public health programs and services to the community; with the goals of addressing health inequities, promoting healthy environments and behaviors, protecting residents from disease, and preventing illness, disability, and premature death. Despite overall good health, Berkeley is not a city where all people are achieving the highest possible level of health. As demonstrated in the City's 2018 Health Status Report, health

inequities among African Americans and other people of color are striking and extend across a number of indicators. A truly healthy Berkeley depends on achieving and maintaining optimal health and wellness for all people regardless of their race or position in society.

The Disease Intervention Specialist Workforce Development Grant is a Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing our goal to attract and retain a talented and diverse City government workforce.

BACKGROUND

The City of Berkeley receives funding from many sources annually to conduct efforts towards improving the health of the community. As a local health jurisdiction, the City is entitled to specific State funding to meet core public health objectives. The Public Health Officer Unit, within the HHCS Office of the Director, is committed to providing essential services to the community to prevent the spread of disease and to promote healthy, equitable environments.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects, climate impacts, or sustainability opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

These funds support vital services related to the City's mandates as a public health jurisdiction and local initiatives designed to address health inequities in Berkeley and improve the health of Berkeley residents. These non-competitive grants support the Department's mission and provides the City with funding to continue working to protect and improve the health of the community.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Staff did not identify an alternative action that would be consistent with the City's goals of preventing the spread of disease and promoting healthy, equitable environments.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

GRANT AGREEMENT: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR
DISEASE INTERVENTION SPECIALIST WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley Department of Health, Housing & Community Services works to prevent communicable diseases and to support efforts to make Berkeley a healthy city by advancing better health, better care, lower costs, and by promoting health equity, and reducing health disparities;

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley Department of Health, Housing & Community Services provides a broad range of needed public health program services to the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley Department of Health, Housing & Community Services works to promote healthy, equitable environments and behaviors, protect residents from disease, and prevent illness, disability, and premature death; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley Department of Health, Housing & Community Services seeks to eliminate health inequities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley should seek outside funding wherever possible to fund vital health services; and

WHEREAS, it is state mandated to provide prevention and control of communicable diseases such as sexually transmitted diseases, HIV, and COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, this California Department of Public Health funding will contribute toward supporting the investigation, control, and prevention of communicable diseases.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to accept grant funds from the California Department of Public Health for Fiscal Year 2022 through Fiscal Year 2025 (utilized July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025), in the projected amount of \$465,736, to expand the Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) workforce to strengthen the capacity to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases; and to execute any resultant revenue agreements, amendments and extensions incident thereto. Budget Codes (Revenue): 336-51-506-561-0000-000-000-431110- (CPDH-DIS-STD). A record signature copy of said agreements and any amendments shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

