



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
June 28, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Lisa Warhuus, Director, Health, Housing and Community Services
Subject: Revenue Grant Agreement: Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Funding from State of California to Conduct Health Promotion Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit grant agreements to the State of California, to accept the grants, and to execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments to conduct health promotion for the Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) program for an amount not to exceed \$4,200,000 for the period of the agreement, Fiscal Years 2023 through 2025.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The MAA program reimburses a portion of the City's public expenditure that supports Medi-Cal-related activities. This funding can be up to \$1,400,000 per year for three years for the Public Health Division, the Aging Services Division and the Health, Housing and Community Services (HHCS) Office of the Director. The precise amount of revenue the City earns is determined by the City's level of match funding, program staff time-studies, and level of eligible services. The revenue and expense for this contract will be tracked in Targeted Case Management/Linkages fund in the Aging Services, Public Health, and Office of the Director Divisions within HHCS (ERMA GL 313-51-505-5XX-2070/313-51-505-5XX-2071).

Spending of all 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

The Health, Housing and Community Services Department provides a broad range of public health and community health services in Berkeley; with the goals of achieving health equity, promoting healthy environments and behaviors, protecting residents from disease, and preventing illness, disability, and premature death. Funding through Medi-Cal Administrative Activities supports this work by supporting program efforts to enroll community members into Medi-Cal and assist their access to Medi-Cal services.

BACKGROUND

The City of Berkeley receives funding from many sources annually to complete work related to achieving health equity and health promotion in the community. As a local health jurisdiction, the City is entitled to specific State funding to meet core public health objectives. The HHCS Department is committed to providing essential services to the community to prevent the spread of disease and to promote healthy environments.

The State establishes funding caps for the MAA program, with actual revenue determined by City matching funds and service delivery. Revenue projections are based on recent year actual revenues in these programs, service-delivery staffing, eligible client populations, and available matching funds. These projections enable the Department to keep expenditures within actual revenues by budgeting expenditures to realistic revenue projections.

The MAA Program provides administrative activities that directly support efforts to identify and enroll potentially eligible persons into Medi-Cal in the Public Health and Aging Services Divisions.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

The HHCS Department tracks MAA program staff time studies using a web-based time-tracking system, which eliminates the need for paper documentation. MAA program invoices are also submitted to the California Department of Health Care Services electronically.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

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

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

This funding is essential for the Department's mission and goals. The Health, Housing and Community Services Department assesses each funding source to ensure that it supports the City's mission and goals. The alternative action of not seeking any of these funding sources would result in a significant reduction in public health services to the community.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:
1: Resolution

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

GRANT AGREEMENT: STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE MEDI-CAL
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley Department of Health, Housing and Community Services is committed to the identification and enrollment of potentially eligible persons into Medi-Cal; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, non-competitive grants from the State of California support the Department's mission and provide the City with funding to continue to protect and improve the health of the community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to submit grant agreements to the State of California, to accept the grants, and execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments to conduct public health promotion for Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) Program for an amount not to exceed \$4,200,000 for the period of the agreement, Fiscal Years 2023 through 2025. The revenue and expense for this contract will be tracked in Targeted Case Management/Linkages fund in the Aging Services, Public Health and Office of the Director Divisions within the HHCS Department. A record signature copy of said agreements and any amendments shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

