



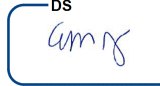
COUNTY OF MONTEREY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Administration

DATE: April 25, 2023

TO: Luis Alejo, Chair, Board of Supervisors, District 1
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 Wendy Root Askew, Board of Supervisors, District 4
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FROM: Elsa Mendoza Jimenez, Director of Health 

SUBJECT: Grant application for Central California Alliance for Health's Medi-Cal Capacity Grants, Partners for Healthy Good Access Program (\$200,000)

It is the intent of the Health Department to submit a grant application in the total amount of \$200,000 to Central California Alliance for Health (CCAH) Medi-Cal Capacity Grants, Partners for Healthy Food Access Program.

Background:

The Enhanced Care Management (ECM) program provides Medi-Cal enrollees coordinated access to services to address physical, behavioral, developmental, dental, and long-term care needs in an equitable manner. ECM clients are individuals experiencing homelessness who have multiple chronic diseases, are high utilizers of the emergency and inpatient services, and/or individuals who have a serious mental health condition or use alcohol or other substances.

The Department intends to submit a \$200,000 Medi-Cal Capacity, Partners for Healthy Food Access Program grant application to increase ECM members access to nutritious, medically supportive food and customized, culturally responsive education and interventions that address food insecurity. The grant will provide funding for a 0.25 FTE Registered Dietician to consult with the ECM team and clients on nutritious meals and create a client centered care plan to meet the individual's nutritional needs and support healthy living. Activities provided by the team include education, providing vouchers for fresh produce and/or tailoring food boxes, cooking classes, and field trips to stores. This grant will partner with Everyone's Harvest and Aggregator. The grant application supports the Health Department's Strategic Plan Goal 1 (Empower the community to improve health) and Goal 3 (Ensure access to culturally and linguistically appropriate, customer-friendly, quality health services).

Should the grant be awarded, the Health Department will come before the Board of Supervisors for approval. Please call me at 755-4526 should you have questions or require additional information.