



Board Report

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RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Monterey County Health Department (MCHD) has been allocated funds from the California Equitable Recovery Initiative (CERI) as part of a larger Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Initiative to Address COVID19 Health Disparities Among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Including Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities grant. This funding focuses on reducing COVID-19's disparate impact on vulnerable residents by improving data collection, building and expanding infrastructure support for prevention, and mobilizing partners to advance health equity.

MCHD's allocation is for \$617,240 dollars over two years (September 1, 2021 through May 31, 2023). The funds from this grant, managed by the Planning, Evaluation, and Policy (PEP) Unit, will be used to support two health equity co-leads, draft a health equity plan for MCHD, and expand many of our Health in All Policies/Health Equity work including Health Equity Scholars Academy (HESA), Community Civic Engagement Academy (enLACE), and staff supports for implementing racial equity strategies as part of the county's Governing for Racial Equity (GRE) initiative. PEP staff will also create a health equity dashboard for public use on DatashareMontereyCounty.org. Any remaining funds will be used to coordinate, administer, and manage the grant and subcontractors.

The overall goal for the project is to establish the equity infrastructure needed to build county capacity to implement effective health equity strategies, both internally within MCHD as well as throughout Monterey County. There is no question that the inequities highlighted by the pandemic existed well before March of last

year. This grant provides an opportunity to focus efforts and strategies on an equitable recovery by addressing the root cause of those injustices.

This work supports the Monterey County Health Department 2018-2022 Strategic Plan Goals: 1. Empower the community to improve health; 2. Enhance community health and safety through prevention; 3. Ensure access to culturally and linguistically appropriate, customer-friendly, quality health services; and 4. Engage MCHD workforce and improve operational functions to meet current and developing population health needs.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Office of the County Counsel and the Auditor-Controller have reviewed and approved this Agreement as to form and fiscal provisions, respectively.

FINANCING:

There is no impact to the General Fund. The revenue and appropriations for this Agreement are included in the Health Department's FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget (001-4000-8438-HEA014).

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

Economic Development:

- Through collaboration, strengthen economic development to ensure a diversified and healthy economy.

Administration:

- Promote an organization that practices efficient and effective resource management and is recognized for responsiveness, strong customer orientation, accountability and transparency.

Health & Human Services:

- Improve health and quality of life through County supported policies, programs, and services; promoting access to equitable opportunities for healthy choices and healthy environments in collaboration with communities.

Infrastructure:

- Plan and develop a sustainable, physical infrastructure that improves the quality of life for County residents and supports economic development results.

Public Safety:

- Create a safe environment for people to achieve their potential, leading businesses and communities to thrive and grow by reducing violent crimes as well as crimes in general.

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Approved by:

Date: _____

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Attachment:
Agreement

