



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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- c. Accept the Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure provision as recommended by the Director of Health.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Monterey County Health Department is seeking approval to receive funding from the Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. dba Heluna Health to monitor, track, and provide epidemiology progress reports to assist with mitigation in response to COVID-19 in Monterey County. As part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) awarded funding for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) work order grant agreements. This is one of those ELC grant agreements.

The Health Department has been awarded \$319,618 to establish and monitor key activities related to COVID-19 in the areas of epidemiology, laboratory, and informatics. Monitoring the indicators associated with these activities will assist state and local governments in making data-driven policy decisions regarding testing, mitigation, and prevention efforts. The start date of the Agreement is retroactive to May 1, 2020 due to the length of time it took to negotiate with the vendor the terms of the Agreement.

This work supports the MCHD 2018-2022 Strategic Plan Goal 3. Ensure access to culturally and linguistically appropriate, customer-friendly, quality health services. Additionally, this work supports one of the ten essential public health services: 7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel and the Auditor-Controller have reviewed and approved as to form and fiscal provisions, respectively.

FINANCING:

This is an ELC grant agreement for the County to receive \$319,618 for COVID-19 response efforts.

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: _____
Elsa Jimenez, Director of Health, 755-4526

Attachment:

Agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board