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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A FORTHCOMING STANDARD AGREEMENT AND FUTURE AWARDS AND/OR AMENDMENTS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO SUPPORT COMPREHENSIVE HIV PREVENTION SERVICES FOR THE ANTICIPATED PERIOD EFFECTIVE JULY1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020 (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Provide authorization to accept a forthcoming Standard Agreement and future awards and/or amendments from the California Department of Public Health to support comprehensive HIV Prevention Services in the County of Los Angeles, for the anticipated period effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or her designee, to accept and sign a forthcoming Standard Agreement (SA) from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), one-time funding at an amount estimated not to exceed \$1,671,166 to support comprehensive HIV Prevention Services for the anticipated period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or her designee, to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the forthcoming SA referenced above, that extend the term through June 30, 2020, at amounts to be determined by CDPH; reflect non-material and/or ministerial revisions to the award's terms and conditions; allow for the rollover of unspent

funds and/or redirection of funds; adjust the term of the award through December 31, 2020; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each term's annual base amount, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the CEO.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of Recommendation 1 will allow DPH to accept a forthcoming SA from CDPH for comprehensive HIV Prevention Services. DPH will use the new one-time funding to support Biomedical HIV Prevention services including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) services.

PrEP is a potent biomedical prevention tool, intended for targeting HIV-negative persons at high risk of acquiring HIV infection. PEP is also a biomedical prevention approach for HIV-negative persons, but it is taken after a high-risk HIV exposure.

Approval of Recommendation 1 will also allow DPH to complement the current portfolio of Biomedical HIV Prevention services and other HIV prevention strategies, currently being supported by CDC funds. As referenced in a memo to your Board on September 28, 2018, 10 Biomedical HIV Prevention services contracts were being extended for the term effective September 30, 2018 through September 30, 2019. A combination of federal resources was used to support the contract extension in order to prevent a gap in services as the prior funding supporting those contract extensions ended September 29, 2018. Acceptance of these new one-time funds from CDPH will allow DPH to supplant a portion of the of the federal resources supporting Biomedical HIV Prevention contracts, thereby allowing DPH to shift a portion of those federal resources to support other HIV prevention activities, such as HIV testing and promotion of healthcare engagement among vulnerable populations.

Approval of Recommendation 2 will allow DPH to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the forthcoming SA to extend and/or adjust the term of the award; reflect non-material revisions to terms and conditions; rollover unspent funds and/or redirect funds; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each grant term's annual base amount. This recommended action will enable DPH to accept future awards and/or amendments that adjust the project period up to six (6) months beyond the original term, in those instances where there has been an unanticipated extension of the term to allow additional time to complete services and utilize grant funding. This authority is being requested to enhance DPH's efforts to expeditiously maximize grant revenue, consistent with Board Policy 4.070: Full Utilization of Grant Funds.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Strategy I.2, Enhance Our Delivery of Comprehensive Interventions, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

DPH will accept a forthcoming SA from the CDPH for the anticipated period effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, for the provision of comprehensive HIV Prevention Services, at the anticipated amount of \$1,671,166. Funding will support Biomedical HIV Prevention Services, which include PrEP and PEP.

Funding is included in DPH's fiscal year (FY) 2018-19 Final Adopted Budget and will be requested in future FYs, as necessary. There is no net County cost associated with this action.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On August 24, 2018, CDPH notified all local health jurisdictions (LHJs) of the approval of \$4.6 million in one-time State General Funds for HIV prevention activities to be used for activities effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The funding is to support comprehensive HIV Prevention Services, including, but not limited to: increasing access to PrEP and PEP; linkage to HIV care and treatment; and routine and opt-out HIV screening, such as in jail medical settings. Funds can also be used to enhance data-to-care development and implementation for HIV surveillance activities.

CDPH allocated the \$4.6 million dollars directly to LHJs by using a funding formula that considers the percentage of the 2016 LHJ prevalence of people living with HIV (latest data available) and the 2017 LHJ incidence of early syphilis. The formula prioritized LHJs with the highest HIV prevalence and the highest number of early syphilis cases, both of which are indications of community need for HIV prevention services, especially PrEP and PEP. As a result, the County of Los Angeles (County) was allocated \$1,593,092 and was asked to submit an application, budget, and justification to the CDPH by September 7, 2018.

Subsequently, the submission deadline was changed to September 25, 2018. In addition, on September 19, 2018, DPH was notified of a revised allocation to the County in the one-time amount of \$1,671,166. The City of Long Beach and the City of Pasadena Health Departments are not included in this allocation; each will be awarded funds directly from CDPH.

On September 25, 2018, DPH submitted the requested application, budget and budget justification to the CDPH.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPH to continue to support Biomedical HIV Prevention Services that will complement existing HIV prevention strategies and provide more efficient and effective HIV prevention services to residents of Los Angeles County.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Ferrer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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