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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT AN AMENDMENT AND FUTURE AWARDS
AND/OR AMENDMENTS FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION
(CDC) TO SUPPORT THE INTEGRATED HIV SURVEILLANCE AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS
AND DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT A FORTHCOMING AWARD FROM THE CDC FOR
HIGH-IMPACT HIV PREVENTION AND SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMS FOR HEALTH
DEPARTMENTS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Provide authorization to accept and implement an amendment and future awards and/or amendments from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to support the continuation of the Integrated HIV Surveillance and Prevention Program in Los Angeles County and delegated authority to accept a forthcoming award from the CDC for High-Impact HIV Prevention and Surveillance Programs for Health Departments.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Authorize and instruct the Director of the Department of Public Health (Public Health), or designee, to accept Amendment Number 6 NU62PS924569-05-08 issued from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Assistance Listing Number 93.940, for the Integrated HIV Surveillance and Prevention Program (IHSP) issued December 19, 2023, providing supplemental funding of \$2,110,145 and extending the budget and performance period from May 31, 2024, to July 31, 2024.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Health, or designee to accept and implement a forthcoming award from the CDC for High-Impact HIV Prevention and Surveillance Programs (HIHPS) for Health Departments, under Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) CDC-RFA-

PS-24-0047, that will replace the current IHSPP award, at an estimated amount not to exceed \$16,909,787 for an estimated 10-month budget period effective August 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025; accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of these IHSPP and/or HIHPS CDC awards; and/or provide an extension and/or increase or decrease in funding, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the CEO.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Health, or designee, to accept future amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the CDC awards referenced above that 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 as allowed by the grant, subject to review and approval by County Counsel.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of Recommendation 1 will allow Public Health to accept an amendment from CDC to extend IHSPP in Los Angeles County (LAC) for two additional months, through July 31, 2024, with supplemental funding in the amount of \$2,110,145.

Acceptance of this amendment will allow Public Health to continue supporting IHSPP activities which include HIV testing; linkage to, re-engagement in, and retention in care and support achieving viral suppression; pre-exposure prophylaxis related activities; individual, group and/or community-level HIV prevention activities; HIV transmission cluster investigations; and outbreak response efforts.

Approval of Recommendation 2 will allow Public Health to accept a forthcoming award from CDC under a new FOA that replaces IHSPP services with HIHPS. Under the forthcoming award, priorities include increasing knowledge of HIV status, reducing HIV transmission, preventing new HIV infections, improving linkage to care and viral suppression and prevention of perinatal transmission. HIHPS also focuses on integration of core HIV prevention, surveillance, and Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) activities.

Approval of Recommendation 2 will also allow Public Health to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the IHSPP and HIHPS CDC awards to provide extensions and/or increases or decreases in funding. This authority is being requested to enhance Public Health's efforts to expeditiously maximize grant revenue, consistent with Board Policy 4.070: Full Utilization of Grant Funds.

Approval of Recommendation 3 will allow Public Health to accept future amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the CDC awards referenced above that reflect non-material or ministerial revisions to the award's terms and conditions, roll over unspent funds, and/or redirection of funds.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support North Star 2, Strategy Public Health and Economic Health of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total funding accepted under Recommendation 1 is \$2,110,145 for the extension period effective

June 1, 2024, through July 31, 2024. Public Health anticipates accepting funding under a new FOA for HIHPS as referenced in Recommendation 2, in the amount of \$16,909,787 for an estimated 10-month budget period effective August 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025.

Funding is included in Public Health's fiscal year (FY) 2023-2024 Final Adopted Budget and will be included in future FYs, as necessary.

There is no net County cost associated with this action.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Since 1990, your Board has approved acceptance of IHSPF funds from the CDC.

IHSPF

On February 1, 2023, I notified your Board that I was exercising delegated authority to accept CDC Grant Award Number 6 NU62PS924569-05-05, in the amount of \$4,487,524, which provided a one-time Program Supplement to extend the budget period/project period for an additional 17 months, effective January 1, 2022, through May 31, 2024.

On August 2, 2023, I notified your Board that I was exercising delegated authority to accept two Grant Awards: a) Grant Award Number 6 NU62PS924569-05-06, which approved Public Health's December 30, 2022, budget revision request; and b) Grant Award Number 6 NU62PS924569-05-07, in the amount of \$13,462,571, which provided the remaining balance of funds, for a total approved budget of \$37,903,085 for the 17-month budget period of January 1, 2022, through May 31, 2024.

Under this current action, Public Health is requesting approval to accept an amendment that extends the budget period for two additional months through July 31, 2024.

On March 18, 2024, the CDC approved Public Health's revised budget request for the extended budget period under Award Number 6 NU62PS924569-05-09.

HIHPS

On February 9, 2024, CDC released Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) PS24-0047, HIHPS for Health Departments. This funding opportunity endorses high-impact prevention (HIP) with a focus on a comprehensive whole-person approach that supports scientifically proven, cost-effective, and scalable structural, behavioral, and biomedical interventions. Additionally, HIP allows health departments to address the barriers to care and prevention of people with HIV and without HIV, including stigma, discrimination, and the social determinants of health in geographic areas where infections are most concentrated. Through this new funding cycle, CDC is seeking to promote flexibility in the use of resources to implement IHSPF. Using complete and timely data, Public Health will have the ability to tailor prevention approaches; improve the quality of IHSPF data; support community engagement, address health equity, and implement whole-person approaches to HIV prevention.

Anticipated award levels across all jurisdictions will be allocated using a funding algorithm reflecting a base funding amount and the proportionate share eligible jurisdiction to the number of people living with diagnosed HIV infection in 2021. Based on the CDC guidance and funding estimates provided to the County of Los Angeles (County) by the CDC, the County anticipates receiving the funding levels between \$15,299,331 and \$16,909,787 for the first 10-month budget term.

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The new FOA required a Letter of Intent (LOI) be submitted by Public Health to the CDC February 23, 2024, with application submissions due to the CDC by April 29, 2024, with new funding expected to be awarded beginning August 1, 2024, to continue annually under a new five-year grant cycle.

On February 22, 2024, Public Health submitted a LOI to CDC in response to NOFO PS24-0047, HIHPS for Health Departments.

On April 29, 2024, Public Health submitted an application in response to the above-referenced NOFO.

Public Health expects final notification of funding amounts to be announced in July 2024.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow Public Health to continue to support HIV surveillance and HIV prevention activities in LAC.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara Ferrer".

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