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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

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT A FORTHCOMING AWARD AND FUTURE AWARDS AND/OR AMENDMENTS FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION FOR THE TUBERCULOSIS ELIMINATION AND LABORATORY SERVICES PROJECT
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Provide authorization to accept and implement a forthcoming award and future awards and/or amendments from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the Tuberculosis Elimination and Laboratory Services Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health (Public Health), or designee, to accept and implement a forthcoming award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Assistance Listing Number 93.116, to support the Tuberculosis Elimination and Laboratory Services Project at an estimated amount of \$5,568,742 for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, subject to review and approval by County Counsel.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Health, or designee, to accept amendments to the award referenced in Recommendation 1 that extend the term and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding, and/or future awards from the CDC to support the Tuberculosis Elimination and Laboratory Services Project at amounts to be determined by the CDC, 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 award referenced in Recommendation 1 that reflect

non-material and/or ministerial revisions to the award's terms and conditions and allow for the rollover of unspent funds and/or redirection of funds, subject to review and approval by County Counsel.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of Recommendation 1 will allow Public Health to accept a forthcoming award from the CDC to support Public Health's efforts to interrupt transmission of tuberculosis (TB) and prevent persons diagnosed with latent TB infection (LTBI) from developing active TB disease. Strategies and activities of this project include: 1) early diagnosis and treatment of persons with TB disease through active and passive surveillance of mandated reports of suspected or confirmed TB disease and LTBI by public and private medical providers and laboratories; 2) management and assessment of contact investigations to interrupt TB transmission, identification and treatment of secondary cases of TB disease, and treatment of persons identified with LTBI; 3) epidemiologic assessment and program evaluation to develop interventions to improve program performance; 4) TB educational training to enhance knowledge and skills among providers and build community partnerships; and 5) public health laboratory strengthening through increased use of rapid diagnostic TB testing methods and improvement in turnaround times for specimen receipt and testing.

Approval of Recommendation 2 will allow Public Health to accept amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the CDC award to extend the term and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding, as well as future awards from the CDC to support the Tuberculosis Elimination and Laboratory Services Project, at amounts to be determined by CDC. 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 award that reflect non-material or ministerial revisions to the award's terms and conditions, roll over unspent funds, and/or redirect funds.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, with a focus area goal of public health, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Public Health will accept a forthcoming award from the CDC at an estimated amount of \$5,568,742 for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. Final funding will be determined by the CDC.

Funding is included in Public Health's fiscal year (FY) 2024-2025 Final Adopted Budget and will be included in future FYs, as necessary.

There are no net County costs associated with this action.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Since 2005, your Board has approved acceptance of grant funds from the CDC for the Tuberculosis Elimination and Laboratory Services Project.

On July 1, 2024, CDC released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for CDC-RFA-PS-25-0003 to solicit applications for the Tuberculosis Elimination and Laboratory Cooperative Agreement. Public Health submitted an application in response to the NOFO on September 9, 2024.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow Public Health to accept forthcoming funds from the CDC to continue to support TB elimination and laboratory services.

Respectfully submitted,



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