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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:** 



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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT A FORTHCOMING AWARD AND FUTURE AWARDS AND/OR AMENDMENTS FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION FOR STRENGTHENING VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

Provide authorization to accept and implement a forthcoming award and/or future awards and/or amendments from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Strengthening Vaccine-Preventable Disease Prevention and Response.

## 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 93.268, to support Strengthening Vaccine-Preventable Disease Prevention and Response for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, at an amount estimated not to exceed \$4,026,153, 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 Public Health, or designee, to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the CDC award referenced in Recommendation 1, to extend the funding term at amounts to be determined by CDC, and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the CEO.

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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 above 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 protection of the people and communities of the City of Los Angeles from vaccine-preventable diseases (VPD) by equitably increasing access, confidence, and demand for vaccines and implementation and management of Section 317 of the Public Health Service Act (Section 317) and Vaccines for Children (VFC) Programs.

Eligible award applicants included the 51 state health departments, including the District of Columbia; all U.S. territories and the Freely Associated States in the Caribbean and Pacific; and local health agencies that serve a city population of 1.4 million or more (Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, New York City, Philadelphia, Phoenix, and San Antonio). The award is intended to provide services and support to protect residents and communities in these 50 states and District of Columbia; U.S. territories and freely associated states in the Caribbean and Pacific; and cities meeting the stated population threshold. County health departments are not eligible to apply to support county populations outside of the cities referenced above. Given that the City of Los Angeles does not have a public health department, the award will be available to County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health to provide services and support to the City of Los Angeles. The award will not support cities outside of the City of Los Angeles or unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

This grant has three components, consisting of Component 1: Core funding, in the estimated annual amount of \$3,776,153; Component 2: Small Scale Response funding that can only be used in the event of a small scale outbreak as determined by CDC subject matter experts, in the estimated up to annual amount of \$250,000; and Component 3: Large Scale Response that can only be used in the event that funding becomes available for a large scale outbreak as determined by CDC subject matter experts, in an estimated up to annual amount of \$3,000,000. Final funding amount will be determined by the CDC.

The funding will allow Public Health to support the expansion of robust surveillance and response systems to enable early detection and rapid response to VPDs. It will support the ability of immunization information systems to produce reliable data to estimate vaccination coverage accurately and provide the needed information to monitor, evaluate, and direct programmatic activities to where they are needed the most. Funds will strengthen access, confidence, and demand for immunization service delivery for Angelenos across all age groups, prioritizing access for underserved and vulnerable communities and residents in the City of Los Angeles. Additionally, this award will ensure that strong public health networks and partnerships with providers and community-based organizations are fostered and maintained to support the immunization needs of the diverse communities they serve, while helping to identify immunization gaps that can be filled by Public Health.

Approval of Recommendation 2 will allow Public Health to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the CDC award referenced above to extend the funding term at amounts determined by the CDC; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding. This authority is requested to enhance Public Health's efforts to expeditiously maximize grant revenue,

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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: Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities through focus area goals of Public Health, of the County's Strategic Plan.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Public Health will accept a forthcoming award from the CDC for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, in the estimated amount of \$4,026,153.

Funding is included in Public Health's fiscal year (FY) 2025-2026 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

On January 6, 2025, CDC released a Notice for Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Announcement Number CDC-RFA-IP-25-0007, Assistance Listing Number 93.268 to solicit applications from eligible applicants, including County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health by equitably increasing access, confidence, and demand for vaccines and implementing the Section 317 and VFC Programs in the City of Los Angeles. Public Health submitted an application in response to the NOFO on March 11, 2025, and anticipates receiving notification of the estimated funding award by June 30, 2025.

Previously, funds for Strengthening Vaccine-Preventable Disease Prevention and Response were awarded to Public Health from CDPH. Funding will now be awarded directly to Public Health in order to provide services and support to the City of Los Angeles per grant requirements. Eligible applicants for this grant are local health agencies or their bona fide agents if they serve a city population of 1.4 million or more as determined by the U.S. Census Bureau's 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Data. If the city does not have a public health department, then the county covering the jurisdiction may apply. The City of Los Angeles meets the population requirement and the requirement of not having a city public health department, and therefore the Public Health can receive the award and implement the required activities in the City of Los Angeles. This will not include unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommended actions will allow Public Health to accept a forthcoming award from the CDC to support the protection of the people and communities of the City of Los Angeles from vaccine-preventable diseases by equitably increasing access, confidence, and demand for vaccines and implementation and management of Section 317 and VFC Programs.

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Respectfully submitted,

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