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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: December 16, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kathy Cahill, Public Health Director

SUBJECT: Resolution approving Grant Agreement Number 25-10610 with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Branch (STDCB) STD Program Management for funding to conduct activities necessary to develop, expand, train, and sustain a response-ready disease intervention specialist (DIS) workforce in the maximum amount of \$507,015 for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030 and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Health and Human Services Agency Public Health Department's Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. (4/5THS VOTE REQUIRED).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: This agreement provides one-time State funds through the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Funding availability in subsequent fiscal years will be determined by satisfactory recipient performance and is subject to the availability of appropriated funds and federal award. After the initial allocation, these funds will be made available to support the DIS workforce development on a calendar year basis through June 30, 2030. The amount of annual funding was allocated through a non-competitive formula using the United States Census Community Resilience Estimates. A budget amendment for FY 2025/2026 is included with this item (4/5 vote required). There are no County General Fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Branch (STDCB) on July 1, 2025 announced the availability of approximately \$83,921,550 in State local assistance funds through the Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) Workforce Development Grant, funded by the AIDS Drug Assistance Program Rebate Fund starting in fiscal year (FY) 2025-2030 for the support of governmental public health response to STIs, HIV, HCV, and mpox.

The purpose of the Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) Workforce Development grant is to develop, expand, train, and sustain the disease investigation and intervention workforce and address jurisdictional prevention and response needs for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV),

sexually transmitted infections (STIs), hepatitis C virus (HCV), and mpox. The funding is intended to scale prevention, increase capacity to conduct disease investigation, ensure appropriate treatment, link people to care and ongoing case management, monitor disease trends and rapidly respond to changes in disease trends and outbreaks of STIs, HIV, HCV, and mpox.

Funding will be allocated to sixty-one (61) local health jurisdictions (LHJ). CDPH/STDCB included the following factors in the allocation model with the hierarchy of need consistent for all counties:

- The original 2021 cycle of grant funds were allocated to LHJs using the United States Census Community Resilience Estimates (details about what is included is available) or the Social Vulnerability Index. CDPH/STDCB used the Community Resilience Estimates since that is what CDC used to distribute the funds to states. There is an expectation that the most vulnerable communities will be supported, rather than focusing on morbidity.
- This information was presented, and approval was provided by the California Conference of Local Health Officers and County Health Executives Association of California.
- Local deliverables with these funds will include activities related to expanded access to HIV/STI/HCV/mpox screening, testing, prevention services and materials for at risk populations. Activities should include increasing awareness and access to HIV/STI/HCV/mpox services, monitoring and responding to disease trends, delivering clinical expertise, providing timely treatment and prevention, notifying and providing partner services, linking patient and partners to prevention and care services including in atypical settings such as emergency departments and correctional facilities, and responding to outbreaks.
- Hiring priority should be given to front-line public health workforce DIS, DIS supervisors, PH nursing or other clinical, epidemiological staff and other roles that support the success of front-line DIS prevention, disease response and outbreak efforts.
- According to the 2018 Infrastructure Survey of local STD programs, the average salary of DIS, including DIS Supervisors, ranges between \$38,048 to \$131,418.

The initial allocation for Nevada County is \$56,335 for Year 1 with subsequent annual allocations of \$112,670 for Year 2 - Year 5 and will be used to support Public Health's DIS workforce operations. Although the first year performance period started July 1, 2025, the allocation and Standard Agreement was only recently received from the State and therefore only recently available to bring before the Board for official action.

Approved by: Kathy Cahill, Public Health Director