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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: January 9, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Jill Blake**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Agreement No. 17-10710 with the California Department of Public Health for funding to implement the County's Local Oral Health Program for the term of January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022 in the total maximum amount of \$795,345 (\$159,069 per fiscal year), authorizing the Director of Public Health to sign the Agreement on behalf of the County, and authorizing and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend Public Health Department's Budget for FY 2017/18.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The grant funding provided under this agreement are State funds from the California Department of Public Health, Oral Health Program (CDPH/OHP) pursuant to Proposition 56, California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016. A budget amendment is included and requires a 4/5 vote by the Board Members. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: In November 2016, California voters approved the passage of Proposition 56, the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 (Prop 56). This initiative increased the state cigarette tax by \$2 per pack and added an equivalent amount on other tobacco products. According to Prop 56, "thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) annually shall be used to provide funding to the State Department of Public Health State Dental Program for the purpose and goal of educating about and preventing dental disease, including dental disease caused by the use of cigarettes and other tobacco products."

In turn, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is making funds available to local Public Health Departments for the purposes of increasing local capacity to support activities to achieve the state's Oral Health Program goals and objectives.

With these funds, Nevada County Public Health will create a Local Oral Health Program (LOHP). The goal of the LOHP is to create and expand capacity at the local level to educate, prevent, and provide linkages to treatment programs. This goal shall be achieved by funding activities that support demonstrated oral health needs, and prioritizing underserved areas and populations. Funded activities may include education, disease prevention, linkage to treatment, case management and surveillance.

According to CDPH's report, "Status of Oral Health in California: Oral Disease Burden and Prevention 2017":

- Fewer than half the women in California are receiving dental care during their pregnancies; women whose healthcare providers recommended a dental visit during pregnancy are nearly twice as likely to have dental care as women who did not get this recommendation.
- Tooth decay is the most common chronic condition experienced by children – far more common than asthma or hay fever. In California, 54% of kindergartners and 70% of third graders have experienced dental caries (tooth decay), and nearly one-third of children have untreated tooth decay.
- California children miss 874,000 days of school each year due to dental problems.
- There is a strong link between smoking and oral disease, yet 1 in 10 smokers report being advised to quit by their dental providers.
- California's northernmost counties have substantially higher rates of emergency room visits for preventable dental conditions than other areas of the state.

Oral health is an essential and integral component of overall health throughout life, yet there are many challenges to achieving optimal oral health. By approving these funds and the establishment of a Local Oral Health Program, we will contribute to improving the oral health of Nevada County residents.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Jill Blake, MPA, Director of Public Health