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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 9, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Erin Mettler

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal Grant Agreement No. 22-11043 with the California Department of Public Health for Immunization Program Funding for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027 in the maximum amount of \$1,599,456.22 (\$1,381,124.22 FY 22/23; \$44,583.00 FY 23/24; \$44,583.00 FY 25/26; \$44,583.00 FY 26/27) for the Public Health Department to provide immunization services throughout Nevada County.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: This is a mandated program. These are federal funds passed through the California Department of Public Health - Immunization Branch. The first-year allocation of \$1,381,124.22 reflects approved COVID-19 carryover funds from prior years. The remaining years reflect a non-pandemic response level of funding. Receipt of funding was anticipated and included in the department's budget and there are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: This continuing grant agreement supports countywide preventable disease immunization efforts. The funding assists counties with pediatric, adolescent and adult immunizations designed to reduce the number of vaccine preventable diseases (VDPs). According to agreement terms, funding may be used to support department staff salaries/benefits, operating expenses and equipment related to the provision of services.

The County conducts a general immunization program, which provides Rubella, Measles, Mumps, Polio, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Haemophilus influenza b, Varicella, and Hepatitis B vaccines to the general public. Public Health Department Staff offer immunizations in county clinics, schools and other community locations. The objective of the County program is continued collaboration with State and local agencies to promote and increase the overall immunization rate, and reduce the incidence of diseases, which are vaccine preventable.

The objectives of the Immunization Action Plan (IAP) for Nevada County, as the Contractor providing services, for fiscal years 2022 through 2027 are as follows:

- 1) Raise immunization coverage levels for each immunization required by law for kindergarten students and childcare entrants within the Contractor's jurisdiction.
- 2) Strive to meet the State's standard of percentage of two-year-olds within the Contractor's jurisdiction being vaccinated with one dose of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine, three doses of Polio vaccine, at least four doses of Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTP) vaccine, three doses of *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) vaccine, three doses of Hepatitis b vaccine, and one dose of Varicella vaccine.
- 3) Through prevention, surveillance and outbreak control, reduce, or eliminate illness, disability and death due to vaccine-preventable diseases within the Contractor's jurisdiction.
- 4) Establish and/or maintain an effective reminder/recall system for clinic patients which includes the following elements:
 - a. Reminder system (postcard, telephone call, or registry)
 - b. Follow up recall notices for no-shows
 - c. Simple tracing procedures for missing clients
 - d. Written protocol for reminder system
- 5) Inform and educate health care providers, school staff, childcare community, and the general public about the need for timely administration of scheduled immunizations of children and adults.
- 6) Collaborate with countywide community partners to strategize means to improve access for childhood immunizations.

This five-year agreement includes COVID-19 funds from prior years reflected in the FY 22-23 allocation. The remaining years reflect a non-pandemic response level of funding. It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve this Grant Agreement as these grant funds will assist the Public Health Department in preventing and controlling vaccine-preventable diseases in Nevada County.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Erin Mettler, MA, Interim Director of Public Health