The County of Yuba

Health and Human Services Department

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jennifer Vasquez, Director
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Health and Human Services Department

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution authorizing Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) Director to accept funds allocated by the California Department of Public Health for the Immunization Local Assistance Grant.

DATE: August 22, 2023

NUMBER: 428/2023

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the attached Resolution of the Board authorizing the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) Director to accept funds allocated by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for the Immunization Local Assistance Grant for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027, and

2. Authorize the HHSD Director to execute all documents as required by the grant and resultant agreement upon approval by County Counsel and to accept, transfer and allocate the grant funds in accordance with the provisions of the grant.

Background

Sections 120325-120380 of the California Health and Safety Code require immunizations against specific childhood diseases prior to public school admittance, and for the County Health Officer to organize and maintain a program to make the required immunizations available. The Health and Human Services Department was allocated funding through CDPH in the amount of $1,615,873.99 for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027 to provide immunization services to the general public. COVID-

19 supplemental funding is included in Fiscal Year 22-23 allocation but does not carry through for Fiscal Years 23-27. This accounts for the higher year 1 allocation of $1,479,573.99 and lower years 2-5 allocations of $34,075.00 each.

Discussion

The purpose and goal of this funding is to prevent and control vaccine-preventable diseases by implementing activities to assess and improve coverage levels in the community. The funding would be used to operate an immunization program and cover the costs of the existing Immunization Coordinator position. This funding will also support the continuation of improving vaccination rates among children, adolescents, and adults by providing education and training materials to health care providers, schools, childcare centers, community organizations, and the general public to promote best practices for immunization and raise awareness about the importance of immunizations in the prevention of serious illnesses.

In the 2021 school year, Yuba County schools reported that 92.7% of Kindergarteners and 95.6% of 1st graders received their required immunizations. During the 2019-2020 school year 96.9% of 7th grade students received the Tdap booster and 97.1% received the Varicella booster. With the Immunization Local Assistance Grant, Public Health will be able to re-open the Vaccination Clinic at the HHSD office which will further reduce barriers to children receiving immunizations.

With the additional funding that was allocated by CDPH to address COVID-19, HHSD partnered with Marysville Joint Unified School District and Ampla Health to provide required school admittance vaccinations and offer COVID-19 vaccinations along with transportation assistance to these appointments during the 22-23 school year. The future use of these funds will be to partner with three local Federally Qualified Health Centers to expand mobile healthcare including access to vaccinations and expand these services to include local congregate settings such as Life Building Center, Salvation Army Depot, and 14Forward.

Committee Action:

The Human Services Committee was bypassed due to the routine nature of this request.

Fiscal Impact:

No funding commitment, administrative only, staff time only.

Attachments

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