



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

July 14, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

Submitted by: Scott Gilman, Director, Health, Housing & Community Services

Subject: Accept Future of Public Health Funds from the State of California – Fiscal Year 2027 through Fiscal Year 2029

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute grant agreements, and any resultant amendments, with the State of California for the Future of Public Health program in the amount of \$912,213 for each of the following fiscal years: Fiscal Year 2027, Fiscal Year 2028, and Fiscal Year 2029 (Total not to exceed \$2,736,639).

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City's award for each Fiscal Year is \$912,213 and each year's award needs to be expended by June 30th of the respective Fiscal Year: (Fiscal Year (FY) 2027, FY 2028, and FY 2029.)

Funds will be expended from ERMA account HHOFPH2301 (302-51-501-501-0000-000-451-various) and revenue will be received in 302-51-501-501-0000-000-451-432110. HHCS staff will request to add these funds to the FY 2027 budget in first amendment to the annual appropriation ordinance (AAO#1).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The State's Budget Act of 2022 created a new funding stream called the Future of Public Health, intended to support and grow California's public health infrastructure. The funds are in the state's baseline budget and are planned to be an ongoing source of funding.

At least 70% of funds must be spent on permanent City staff costs and training, and up to 30% can be used for equipment, supplies and other administrative costs.

The funding comes with certain requirements, including the submission of a public health improvement plan, the use of evaluation and Results Based Accountability to measure success, and staff participation in specified regional public health groups.

The City's public health activities are a City Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing our goals to champion and demonstrate social and racial equity and to be a customer-

focused organization that provides excellent, timely, easily accessible service and information to the community.

Effective January 1, 2026, local agencies are required to satisfy noticing requirements for certain contracts for services that meet the criteria outlined in Government Code Section 3504.1 as amended by AB 339. This is a revenue contract, and it does not meet the criteria in Government Code Section 3504.1 and is exempt from the noticing requirement.

BACKGROUND

The Health, Housing and Community Services Department received the first Future of Public Health award on September 23, 2022, from the State of California. The majority of the City's health grants support strictly defined health activities and services and come with extensive reporting requirements. In contrast, the Future of Public Health funds can be used relatively flexibly to support the City's infrastructure to plan, coordinate and deliver programs to address specific local needs, most notably reducing public health disparities.

The City of Berkeley is a thriving community with considerable wealth, high levels of education attainment, and a rich culture that all contribute to a healthy community. However, Berkeley is not a city where all people are living long and healthy lives and achieving the highest possible level of health. In Berkeley, African American/Black and other people of color are more likely to die prematurely and experience a wide variety of adverse health conditions throughout their lives.

Extensive work has been done by HHCS to analyze and identify solutions to overcome the underlying issues that perpetuate these health inequities, including the Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan. HHCS programs serve individuals who are most impacted in Berkeley and continue to make progress toward solving health disparities.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no environmental impacts associated directly with accepting public health funding.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Accepting these funds will allow the City to grow its infrastructure for public health while helping to support our Strategic Plan Priorities.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

If the City chooses not to accept this grant, it will result in an immediate and significant reduction in infrastructure support staff for HHCS and services that are provided to the most vulnerable members of our community.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

ACCEPTING FUTURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDS FROM STATE OF CALIFORNIA -
FISCAL YEAR 2027 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2029

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley has been a public health jurisdiction for more than one hundred years; and

WHEREAS, in Berkeley communities of color, specifically African American/Black and Hispanic/Latinx residents continue to experience disparate health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the City's Health, Housing and Community Services Department has previously been awarded Future of Public Health Funds from the State of California; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2022, by Resolution No. 70,505-N.S., Council authorized the City Manager or designee to submit grant agreements to the State of California, to accept the grants, and execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments for the Future of Public Health program for an amount of \$912,213 for the Fiscal Year 2023; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2023, by Resolution No. 71,025-N.S., Council authorized the City Manager or designee to submit grant agreements to the State of California, to accept the grants, and execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments for the Future of Public Health program for an amount of \$912,213 for each of the following: Fiscal Year 2024, Fiscal Year 2025, and Fiscal Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of public health needs throughout California the state budget established funds for the Future of Public Health Program; and

WHEREAS, as a public health jurisdiction, the City is eligible to receive an allocation of Future of Public Health funds; and

WHEREAS, this contract is exempt from the noticing requirements set forth in Government Code Section 3504.1; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or designee is hereby authorized to submit grant agreements to the State of California, to accept the grants, and execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments for the Future of Public Health program for an amount of \$912,213 annually in Fiscal Year 2027, Fiscal Year 2028, and Fiscal Year 2029. Funds will be expended from ERMA account HHOFPH2301 (302-51-501-501-0000-000-451-various) and revenue will be received in 302-51-501-501-0000-000-451-432110. A record signature copy of said agreements and any amendments shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk.