



Office of the City Manager

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
Sept 22, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
  
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager  
  
Submitted by: Lisa Warhuus, Director, Health, Housing & Community Services  
  
Subject: Revenue Grant Agreement: Federal COVID19 Funding Support from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Enhancing Detection Grant

**RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to submit grant agreements to California Department of Public Health to accept this COVID19 response grant, and to execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments; which enables us to conduct and implement mitigation strategies in response to COVID19 for the following revenue agreement:

HHCS Health Officer Unit's Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Program (CDPCP) COVID-19 Crisis Response's projected allocation of \$2,159,041 for FY 2021-2022.

**FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION**

The City of Berkeley will receive funds in the estimated amount of \$2,159,041 from the CDC ELC CARES Enhancing Detection grant for FY 2021-22. This contract will have its own identifying contract number and defined budget codes: (Revenue) 336-51-501-503-2075-000-000-431110-; (Expenditure) 336-51-501-503-2075-000-451-511110-various. No match required and revenue is expected to be \$2,159,041 for May 18, 2020 through November 17, 2022. The California Department of Public Health issued the City of Berkeley an advance payment in the amount of \$539,761. This 25% advance will be applied towards the hiring of new staff to establish the program. The grant budget for FY 2021 is projected to be in the amount of \$1,619,280 and will be adjusted as part of a future amendment to the FY 2021 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

**CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS**

The City of Berkeley receives funding from many sources annually to conduct efforts towards improving the health of the community. As a local health jurisdiction, the City is entitled to specific Federal and State funding to meet core public health objectives. The Health Officer Unit is committed to providing essential services to the community to prevent the spread of disease and to respond to health threats such as pandemics.

## **BACKGROUND**

As a local health jurisdiction (LHJ), the City of Berkeley provides a broad range of public health programs and services to the community; with the goals of addressing health inequities, promoting healthy environments and behaviors, protecting residents from disease, and preventing illness, disability, and premature death. The total additional anticipated revenue from this federal grant is \$2,159,041 for May 18, 2020 through November 17, 2022.

As part of the “Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act of 2020 (P.L. 116-139, Title I)”, the ELC is awarding a total of \$10.25 billion dollars to our recipient base in a program-initiated component under the Emerging Issues (E) Project of CK19-1904, henceforth, “ELC Enhancing Detection” supplement. These funds are broadly intended to provide critical resources to state, local, and territorial health departments in support of a broad range of COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 testing and epidemiologic surveillance related activities. These resources should complement, not duplicate, existing funding provided to jurisdictions, including the ELC Community-based Surveillance and ELC CARES Act supplements. California has received \$286,000,000 and CDPH has allocated funding for each LHJ with a base amount of \$150,000 and then prorated by population.

The intention of this funding is for recipients to leverage and build upon existing ELC infrastructure that emphasizes the coordination and critical integration of laboratory with epidemiology and health information systems in order to maximize the public health impact of available resources. HHCS Health Officer Unit’s Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Program (CDPCP) is best able to receive, manage and monitor these grant funds while ensuring the contract deliverables are met. CDPCP supports the City’s greatest Public Health response needs by providing essential services to the community to prevent the spread of disease and to respond effectively to COVID-19.

These funds will be used to build infrastructure and staff City of Berkeley’s comprehensive response to COVID-19; primarily through CDPCP. Staffing will include a Project Manager, an Epidemiologist, Public Health nurses and other support staff.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

## **RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

These funds support vital emergency response actions and services related to our mandates as a public health jurisdiction and local initiatives designed to address health inequities in Berkeley and improve the health of Berkeley residents. These non-competitive grants support the Department’s mission and provide the City with funding to continue emergency response efforts that protect and improve the health of the community.

**ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED**

This funding is essential for the Public Health Officer Unit's mission and goals; including containment of COVID-19. The Public Health Officer Unit assesses each funding source to ensure that it supports the City's mission and goals. The alternative action of not seeking any of these funding sources would result in a significant reduction in critical public health services to the community.

**CONTACT PERSON**

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

**GRANT AGREEMENT: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE  
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM COVID-19  
RESPONSE FOR FY2020- FY2022**

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley Department of Health, Housing & Community Services, Health Officer Unit, is committed to promoting and protecting the health of the public and the environment by supporting the City's greatest Public Health response needs by providing essential services to the community to prevent the spread of disease and to respond to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley Department of Health, Housing & Community Services provides a broad range of needed public health program services to the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley Department of Health, Housing & Community Services works to promote healthy environments and behaviors, protect residents from disease, and prevent illness, disability, and premature death; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley Department of Health, Housing & Community Services seeks to eliminate health inequities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley should seek outside funding wherever possible to fund vital emergency response services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to submit a grant agreement to California Department of Public Health for funding for May 18, 2020 through September 17, 2022 for the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Program's COVID-19 response to promote and protect the health of the public and the environment by supporting the City's greatest Public Health response needs by providing essential services to the community to prevent the spread of disease and to respond to COVID-19; to accept the grant funds; execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments in line with the grant award, which may be larger or smaller than the projected award of \$2,159,041; and implement the projects and appropriation of funding for related expenses, subject to securing the grant. Budget Codes: (Revenue) 336-51-501-503-2075-000-000-431110-; (Expenditure) 336-51-501-503-2075-000-451-511110-various. A record signature copy of said agreements and any amendments shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

