



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
September 9, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

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

Subject: Authorization to Accept One-Time \$10,000 Stipend for Service on the California Local Government Agency Executive Committee

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept a \$10,000 stipend award, for Fiscal Year 2026, from Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency. This funding will support the City of Berkeley's Health, Housing, and Community Services Department's Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Program.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City is eligible to receive a one-time \$10,000 stipend as a result of the Local Government Agency ("LGA") Coordinator's service on the California Local Government Agency Executive Committee. The stipend will be deposited into Fund 313 (Targeted Case Management). The LGA Coordinator is responsible for oversight of the City's Medi-Cal Administrative Activities programs.

BACKGROUND

The Medi-Cal Administrative Activities ("MAA") program, established on January 1, 1995, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions ("W&I") Code § 14132.47, allows participating Local Governmental Agencies ("LGAs") to receive federal reimbursement for administrative activities that directly support efforts to identify and enroll potentially eligible individuals into Medi-Cal.

MAA activities aim to promote healthcare access within the county public health system, reduce long-term health care costs for at-risk populations, and coordinate client care across various health providers. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to, conducting Medi-Cal outreach, facilitating eligibility determinations, participating in Medi-Cal program planning, and contract management.

The City of Berkeley has actively participated in the MAA program for over a decade, allowing the City to claim federal reimbursement for administrative activities that support Medi-Cal outreach, enrollment, and coordination. These reimbursements help offset the cost of services staff are already providing—such as referrals, care coordination, and

program planning—across key Health, Housing, and Community Services (“HHCS”) divisions.

In Fiscal Year 2024–2025, Quarter 4, the City expanded its participation in the MAA program by adding Neighborhood Services in the City Manager’s Office as a new claiming unit. This expansion will further maximize eligible reimbursements and reinforce the City’s commitment to resource efficiency.

Additionally, the City’s LGA Coordinator was selected to serve as a Member-at-Large on the California LGA Executive Committee, which brought a \$10,000 stipend to the City and enhanced our visibility and leadership in statewide MAA policy and implementation.

Participation in the MAA program supports the City’s strategic goal to provide an efficient and financially healthy City government by leveraging federal resources to sustain and enhance essential services at the local level.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

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

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Accepting this funding will allow the department to continue supporting the MAA program and sustain activities that generate federal reimbursement for critical Medi-Cal covered services.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

No alternative actions were identified.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

ACCEPTANCE OF STIPEND FOR SERVICE ON CALIFORNIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT
AGENCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley has participated in the Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (“MAA”) program for over a decade, enabling the City to claim federal reimbursement for administrative activities that support Medi-Cal outreach, enrollment, and coordination; and

WHEREAS, the MAA program supports the City's goal to provide an efficient and financially healthy government by leveraging federal resources to sustain essential public health and human services; and

WHEREAS, the City's designated MAA Coordinator was selected to serve as a Member-at-Large on the California Local Government Agency Executive Committee, for Fiscal Year 2025–2026; and

WHEREAS, this statewide leadership service entitles the City to receive a one-time \$10,000 stipend.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or designee is authorized to accept the one-time \$10,000 stipend from the County of Santa Cruz for the MAA Coordinator's service on the California Local Government Agency Executive Committee and deposit the stipend into Fund 313.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the accepted funds shall be allocated to support the department's ongoing participation in the MAA program.

