



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
September 30, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

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

Subject: Revenue Grant Agreement: Funding Support from the California Department of Public Health to Enhance Disease Intervention Workforce Development

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept funds from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) in the projected amount of \$523,953.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

For Fiscal Year 2026 (FY2026) (Fund 336), the City of Berkeley is expected to receive \$58,217 from CDPH, with an additional \$116,434 annually from FY2027 to FY2030. This grant, which is not currently included in the adopted FY2026 budget, is subject to Council approval as part of the budget and the Annual Appropriations Ordinance for each fiscal year. There is no match requirement for this funding. However, the City does provide general funds to support the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Program within the Health, Housing, and Community Services (HHCS) Department's Public Health Officer Unit (PHOU).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The grant funding is intended to strengthen disease prevention, increase the capacity for disease investigation, ensure appropriate treatment, connect individuals to care, monitor disease trends, and rapidly respond to outbreaks of STIs, HIV, HCV, mpox, and other emerging sexually transmissible diseases. This is achieved through the development and expansion of the Disease Intervention Specialist workforce.

While rates of gonorrhea, syphilis, and chlamydia in Berkeley have remained relatively stable from 2020 to 2024, limited capacity has hindered active case finding and community outreach. The proactive efforts of Disease Intervention Specialists are crucial for identifying, tracking, and controlling outbreaks, thereby enhancing public health by reducing transmission and ensuring timely treatment. This grant is a Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing the city's goal to attract and retain a talented and diverse government workforce.

BACKGROUND

The City of Berkeley receives funding from many sources annually to complete work related to improving the health of the community. As a local health jurisdiction, the City receives specific funding from the State of California to meet core public health objectives. The Public Health Officer Unit in the Health, Housing, and Community Services Department is committed to providing services to the community to promote equitable, healthy environments and prevent the spread of disease.

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

These funds support essential services related to the City's mandates as a public health jurisdiction and local initiatives designed to address health inequities in Berkeley and improve the health of Berkeley residents.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Staff did not identify an alternative action that would be consistent with the City's goals of preventing the spread of disease and promoting healthy, equitable environments.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

GRANT AGREEMENT: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR  
DISEASE INTERVENTION SPECIALIST WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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

WHEREAS, HHCS, Public Health Officer Unit works to prevent and protect residents from communicable diseases, promote healthy, equitable environments and behaviors, and prevent illness, disability, and premature death; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley should seek outside funding wherever possible to fund essential health services; and

WHEREAS, it is state-mandated as a local health jurisdiction to provide prevention and control of communicable diseases such as sexually transmitted infections (STI), HIV, Hepatitis C, and mpox; and

WHEREAS, this California Department of Public Health funding will support workforce development efforts aimed at preventing, investigating, monitoring, and controlling communicable diseases.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or designee is hereby authorized to accept grant funds from the California Department of Public Health in the projected amount of \$523,953.

