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DATE: April 16, 2024 (Item No. {{item.number}})
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Sara H. Cody, MD, Health Officer/Director of Public Health
SUBJECT: Second Amendment to Agreement with CDPH for HIV Prevention

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Second Amendment to Agreement with California Department of Public Health relating to funding for HIV prevention increasing the maximum contract amount by \$185,469 from \$445,126 to \$630,595, and extending the agreement for a two-month period through July 31, 2024, that has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form and legality.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Approval of the recommended action would have no net fiscal impact to the County General Fund. The Public Health Department (PHD) was previously awarded \$445,126.00 for HIV prevention services from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for a period of January 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024. This amendment would increase the not to exceed amount to \$630,595.25 and extend the term through July 31, 2024.

CONTRACT HISTORY

On March 14, 2023 (Item No. 46), the Board of Supervisors approved a delegation of authority to enter into an agreement with CDPH for HIV prevention in an amount not to exceed \$445,126 and a term of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. On May 22, 2023, PHD approved this Agreement.

On September 20, 2023, Procurement approved the First Amendment to Agreement with CDPH for HIV prevention with no change to the not to exceed amount and extending the term through May 31, 2024.

In January 2024, CDPH Office of Aids (OA) sent PHD's Sexual Health and Harm Reduction Program a letter of intent to continue to award funds for HIV prevention. The second amendment to the agreement will increase the funding by \$185,429.25 and extend the contract term through July 31, 2024.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION AND BACKGROUND

Through this agreement, CDPH provides funding for evidence-based public health HIV prevention activities. With this funding, the STD/HIV Prevention & Control Program will accomplish the following

- Strategy 1 – Strengthen disease investigation infrastructure
- Strategy 2 – Expand and provide navigation services
- Strategy 3 – Expand access to syringe services for people who inject drugs

For the implementation of these strategies, PHD will embed and/or enhance the following priorities and approaches within their funded strategies and activities:

- **Status Neutral Approach:** A status-neutral approach to care means that regardless of HIV status, people have access and support to stay on highly effective public health interventions like PrEP and HIV treatment.
- **Syndemic Approach:** Sexually transmitted infections, viral hepatitis, injection drug use, and HIV are interacting epidemics, or syndemics, that can be addressed using similar strategies.
- **Health Equity:** Health is central to human happiness and well-being and is affected by where people live, learn, work, and play. Health equity is when everyone has the opportunity to be as healthy as possible.
- **Innovative HIV Testing Strategies, including HIV Self-Testing:** The mass distribution of HIV self-test kits is one strategy to increase awareness of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections.

CHILD IMPACT

The funded strategies do not focus on providing services for children; however, there is a positive impact on children when HIV is prevented among the adults in their lives, as well as a decreased risk of perinatal transmission when HIV is prevented or controlled during pregnancy. The recommended action will allow the Department to continue to implement the funded strategies and activities that prevent HIV in the community.

SENIOR IMPACT

While the majority of new HIV infections are diagnosed in people ages 25 to 44, in 2022, 20% of new infections were in people age 50 and older. Life-prolonging treatment means that more than 50% of people living with HIV in Santa Clara County are over 50. HIV prevention activities funded by this grant are made available to all people in Santa Clara County including seniors who may be at risk for acquiring HIV. The recommended action will allow the Department to continue to implement the funded strategies and activities to prevent new HIV infections among all adults, including seniors.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The recommended action will have no/neutral sustainability implications.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve the recommended action would impact PHD's ability to conduct HIV Prevention activities.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Upon approval, Clerk of the Board shall notify Jasmine Luna in the Public Health Department. Upon execution by CDPH, PHD will return one fully executed agreement packet to the Clerk of the Board.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CDPH HIV Prevention A02_1229A
- California Civil Rights Laws Attachment
- CCC 042017