



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

AGENDA ITEM

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DATE: August 1, 2017

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT:

ACCEPT NEW STRATEGIC HIV PREVENTION PROJECTS GRANT FUNDS AND APPROVE SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENTS FOR HIV PREVENTION PROJECTS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

For over 20 years, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) has authorized grants and agreements with the California Department of Public Health Office of AIDS (CDPH) to provide a variety of prevention services to people living with or at risk of acquiring HIV. The HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) of Public Health Services Division, in the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, applied for the Strategic HIV Prevention Projects grant through CDPH released in March 2017. On May 3, 2017, CDPH gave notification of their intent to award the funding to HSHB. The award includes four partner organizations included in the application and therefore, single source contracts are required for these program partners.

Approval of this item will fund programs to help HSHB implement strategies to prevent new cases of HIV in high risk populations and improve the treatment and health of persons with HIV/AIDS in San Diego County. This item supports the County of San Diego Getting to Zero initiative, adopted on March 1, 2016 (25), by funding activities related to prevention of HIV transmission and, in particular, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) navigation services and rapid initiation of anti-retroviral treatment. This item also supports the *Live Well San Diego* vision by building better health through providing access to high quality HIV prevention, testing, and medical care that lead to improved physical and behavioral health which promote a healthy, safe, and thriving region.

Today's action requests Board authority to accept new Strategic HIV Prevention Projects grant funds from the CDPH for the period of, July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, to authorize the Clerk of the Board to authorize the new Strategic HIV Prevention Projects grant agreement, and to approve single source contracts with Family Health Centers of San Diego, San Ysidro Health Center, Vista Community Clinic, and the San Diego LGBT Community Center.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts – Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires full-cost recovery.

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2. Authorize the acceptance of \$1,799,581 in grant funds from the California Department of Public Health, for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, for Strategic HIV Prevention Projects, and authorize the Clerk of the Board, upon receipt, to execute all required grant documents, including any annual extensions, amendments and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
3. In accordance with Board Policy A-87 Competitive Procurement, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to enter into negotiations with Family Health Centers of San Diego, San Ysidro Health Center, Vista Community Clinic, and the San Diego LGBT Community Center and, subject to successful negotiations and determination of fair and reasonable price, award four single source contracts to conduct services for the Strategic HIV Prevention Projects per funding source requirement, for the period of August 8, 2017 through June 30, 2019, and up to six additional months if necessary, pending availability of funds, and to amend the contracts as needed to reflect changes in services and funding, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
4. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to pursue future funding opportunities to conduct HIV/AIDS related services.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2017-19 Revised Recommended Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in costs of \$1,013,547 and revenue of \$998,048 in Fiscal Year 2017-18, and in costs of \$811,739 and revenue of \$801,533 in Fiscal Year 2018-19. The funding source is the California Department of Public Health. A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the funding does not offset all indirect costs. These costs are estimated at \$15,499 for Fiscal Year 2017-18 and \$10,206 for Fiscal Year 2018-19. The funding source for these costs will be Health Realignment. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

The Health Services Advisory Board voted to support this action at its meeting on July 20, 2017.

BACKGROUND

Substantial progress has been made in addressing the HIV epidemic in San Diego County. New diagnoses have declined 62% from the all-time high of 1,314 in 1990 to 498 in 2016. Moreover, deaths among persons with HIV have declined 88% from an all-time high of 749 in 1994 to 87 in 2016. Nonetheless, HIV continues to be a major public health challenge in San Diego County, with one new HIV diagnosis occurring, on average, every 18 hours.

In March 2017, the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS (CDPH) released RFA 16-10920 for Strategic HIV Prevention Projects. The HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) of Public Health Services Division, in the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency applied for funding and, on May 3, 2017, the CDPH notified HSHB of its intent to award. The strategies and activities this award will fund include:

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1. Leverage existing outreach and HIV testing programs improve linkage to care, whether to HIV care or pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP);
2. Ensure that individuals who are newly diagnosed with HIV are rapidly linked to HIV care, with the first HIV primary care visit to occur as early as 0-1 day after confirmatory disclosure but no later than 30 days after disclosure;
3. Ensure that individuals who are high risk for infection but who test HIV negative are counseled about the benefits of PrEP and those who are interested are linked to PrEP navigation assistance as early as 0 – 1 day after results disclosure but no later than 7 days; and
4. Develop campaigns and activities that focus on reducing HIV-related stigma to support engagement in and adherence to PrEP.

On March 1, 2016 (25), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors adopted the Getting to Zero Initiative, which seeks to end the HIV epidemic over the next decade. This initiative was based on the work of the HIV Ad Hoc Task Force, which reviewed research, best practices, and local epidemiology. The Task Force made six broad recommendations to help bring an end to the HIV epidemic in San Diego County.

Today's action supports several goals of the Getting to Zero Implementation Plan:

- Goal 1.1: “Develop and implement campaign to promote awareness of PrEP among high-risk populations;”
- Goal 2.3: “Develop systems to ensure all individuals newly diagnosed with HIV are linked to care and commence treatment within 30 days;”
- Goal 3.1: “Incorporate post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) and PrEP education into County HIV prevention and HIV testing programs;”
- Goal 3.5: “Provide PrEP education to all HIV-negative individuals seeking services at the County’s STD Clinics, and provide referrals to PrEP navigation assistance for individuals who are seeking PrEP;”
- Goal 3.6: “Work with community partners to promote PEP and PrEP awareness and access;” and
- Goal 5.2: “Reduce stigma associated with HIV so that individuals at risk can seek testing and fully engage in treatment.”

Funding from the Strategic HIV Prevention Projects will allow the County of San Diego (County) and its partners to implement an innovative approach to further improve linkage to care for individuals newly diagnosed with HIV. Research from the San Francisco Department of Public Health Rapid Antiretroviral Therapy Program Initiative has indicated that immediately linking individuals newly diagnosed with HIV to primary care and treatment greatly increased the percentage of individuals who remain in care over time. Through this innovative approach, individuals who are newly diagnosed with HIV can start treatment, including medication, on the day of their diagnoses or within 24 hours. The current standard is to commence treatment within 30 days. Linkage to care continues to be one of the key activities of the Getting to Zero initiative. This rapid approach has the potential to greatly increase the percentage of persons who are successfully linked to care and retained in care over time

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The Strategic HIV Prevention Projects grant will allow the County to implement evidence-based and innovative approaches to HIV prevention and treatment, including linkages to PrEP for HIV negative individuals and rapid initiation of HIV treatment for those newly diagnosed with HIV.

Additionally, the Strategic HIV Prevention Projects grant will allow the County to continue to promote the use of PrEP, which uses medication to prevent infection. In 2012, the Food and Drug Administration approved Truvada, an HIV medication, for use in HIV-negative individuals. PrEP represents the first time in the history of the HIV epidemic that there is an effective biomedical intervention for preventing HIV infection. Research supporting PrEP has demonstrated that it can be up to 99% effective in preventing new infections.

The County received funding previously to implement activities related to PrEP. Funding from the Strategic HIV Prevention Projects will allow the County and partners to continue that work. Data from the previously funded efforts indicated that out of 593 individuals at high risk for HIV, 392 (66%) were linked to a PrEP provider and of those linked to a PrEP provider, 312 (80%) filled their prescription for PrEP.

The activities of the Strategic HIV Prevention Projects grant will require continued collaboration with program partners.

The Department of Purchasing and Contracting released a Request For Statements of Qualifications, in April 2017, to determine capabilities and experience of providers to conduct the services as outlined in the RFA. Four providers were selected based on stated capabilities and experience, which includes ensuring linkages to HIV care and PrEP. The County Health and Human Services Agency has determined that the subcontractors' prices are fair and reasonable based on cost comparisons with the previous HIV Prevention Demonstration Project for equivalent services.

Strategic HIV Prevention Projects		
	Year 1	Year 2
Family Health Centers of San Diego	\$145,000	\$130,000
San Ysidro Health Center	\$145,000	\$130,000
Vista Community Clinic	\$145,000	\$130,000
San Diego LGBT Community Center	\$140,000	\$130,000

These subcontractors qualify for single source contracts to implement Strategic HIV Prevention Projects (formerly HIV Prevention Demonstration Project) services based on the following sections of Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement:

- Section 1D-3: The procurement is for services from a provider with unique knowledge, skill, or ability not available from other sources.
- Section 1D-6: Continuity: The procurement is for goods and/or services where continuity of providers will provide efficiency or critical knowledge, and other providers of the goods and/or services cannot provide similar efficiencies or critical knowledge.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

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Today's proposed actions support the Healthy Families and Safe Communities initiatives in the County of San Diego's 2017-2022 Strategic Plan as well as the *Live Well San Diego* vision by improving access to high-quality and efficient prevention, testing and medical care which lead to improved physical health.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)

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REQUIRES FOUR VOTES: Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED

 Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:

November 15, 2016 (08), authorized continuation of the HIV Prevention Demonstration Project; June 28, 2016 (09), authorized the acceptance of HIV prevention funding for pre-exposure prophylaxis navigation services; March 1, 2016 (25), approved the Getting To Zero Initiative; and March 17, 2015 (05), authorized the acceptance of funding for HIV Prevention Demonstration Projects.

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:

A-87 - Competitive Procurement

B-29 - Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts – Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:

A waiver of Board Policy A-87 is requested to negotiate continuation of these agreements.

A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the Strategic HIV Prevention Projects grant funds from the California Department of Public Health do not offset all costs. The public benefit for providing these services far outweigh these costs. The Health and Human Services Agency certifies that these services would be worthy of County support if outside funding were not available. Costs to be waived are estimated at \$15,499 in Fiscal Year 2017-18 and \$10,206 in Fiscal Year 2018-19.

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE: N/A

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):16-10920

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Health and Human Services Agency

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