



M E M O R A N D U M
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: March 30, 2021

FROM: Robert L. Oldham, MD, MSHA, Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Monthly Health and Human Services COVID-19 Response Update and COVID-19 ELC
Enhancing Detection Expansion Grant

ACTION REQUESTED

1. Receive a monthly update on the Health and Human Services (HHS) Department's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Accept COVID-19 ELC Detection Expansion Funding from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) via a Direct Allocation Letter to expand support of COVID-19 testing, case investigation, contact tracing, surveillance, vaccine distribution, containment, mitigation, and other activities in an amount not to exceed \$12,177,694 from January 15, 2021 to July 31, 2023, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to execute necessary documents to administer and accept the grant, and adjustments to the grant not to exceed \$100,000, consistent with the subject matter and scope of the grant.

BACKGROUND

At the February Monthly HHS COVID Update, staff provided updates on COVID-related data and metrics; on vaccine allocation, prioritization, and distribution; and how the Department continues to respond and adapt to meet our community's needs. At the March Monthly HHS COVID Update, staff will provide updates on COVID related-data; on vaccine distribution efforts; on updates in state reopening guidance (including youth sports guidance); on COVID-related grant spending; and, on the impacts of COVID on people experiencing homelessness in Placer County and steps HHS is taking or may take in the future to address these impacts.

On September 22, 2020, your Board adopted a resolution accepting an Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Enhancing Detection grant award of \$3,083,968 from CDPH to support the public health response to COVID-19 for the period of May 18, 2020 through November 17, 2022. The United States Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 provides additional support for public health activities addressing COVID-19 within our communities through ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion funding. CDPH is allocating \$12,177,694 to Placer County through this ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion Grant. The ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion supports many of the same activities included in the initial ELC Enhancing Detection grant (including COVID-19 testing, case investigation, contact tracing, surveillance, vaccine distribution, containment, and mitigation), yet adds significantly more funding, adds additional allowable expenditures, and an extended time horizon of July 31, 2023 to spend these funds.

FISCAL IMPACT

The allocation of \$12,177,694 is funded with State Funds and will be included in the FY 2020-2021 Budget and will be included in future budgets. Other potential fiscal impact projections related to COVID-19 were shared during the FY 2019-20 3rd Quarter Fiscal Update before the Board on April 21, 2020.

The ELC Direct Allocation Letter is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

