



MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** May 10, 2022
FROM: Robert Oldham, Director of Health and Human Services
BY: Nancy Baggett, Staff Services Manager
SUBJECT: California Department of Public Health Disease Intervention Specialist Workforce Grant

ACTION REQUESTED

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the following with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence: (1) a grant agreement with the California Department of Public Health, for the Disease Intervention Specialist Workforce Grant in the amount of \$726,390 for the period of July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025, (2) documentation related to grant administration, and (3) subsequent amendments up to \$72,639 consistent with the subject matter and scope of work.

BACKGROUND

As part of the American Rescue Act of 2021, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Control Branch is awarding funds to local health departments to expand the Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) workforce and strengthen the capacity to mitigate the spread of communicable diseases in the community.

From July 1, 2021 through December 2021, Placer County Public Health investigated 920 cases of confirmed STDs; an increase from previous years and consistent with increases in cases statewide. Of particular concern, HIV/AIDS cases in Placer County increased from an average of 10 cases/year, to 15 cases/year within the past 3 years, demonstrating an increase of approximately 50%. Several individuals were found to be co-infected with syphilis at the time of HIV diagnosis or had a history of STDs. The increased caseload and rate of co-infections demonstrates the need for well-trained and knowledgeable Disease Intervention Specialists who can best support our community in prevention and treatment strategies. Without these funds, we will experience inadequate response times to disease investigation, risking further increases in the spread of preventable diseases in our community.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this agreement is 100% State funding from the California Department of Public Health and is included in the Department's FY 2021-22 Budget and will be included in the Department's Future Budgets.

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ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

The grant agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of:

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Health and Human Services, to sign a grant agreement with the California Department of Public Health for the Disease Intervention Specialist Workforce Grant in the amount of \$726,390 for the period of July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.

Resolution No.: _____

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____ by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS Placer County Health and Human Services Department through its Public Health Division desires to accept the grant agreement with the California Department of Public Health for the Disease Intervention Specialist Workforce Grant in the amount of \$726,390 for the period of July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of Health and Human Services, be authorized on behalf of the Placer County Board of Supervisors to sign the following with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence: (1) grant agreement with the California Department of Public Health in the amount of \$726,390 for the period of July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025, (2) documentation related to grant administration, and (3) subsequent amendments not to exceed \$72,639, consistent with subject matter and scope of work.

