

ALAMEDA COUNTY  
**HEALTH CARE SERVICES**  
AGENCY



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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County Administration Building  
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**SUBJECT: ACCEPT RETROACTIVELY THE COVID-19 AWARDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE ALAMEDA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DIVISION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, FOR MANAGING THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

Dear Board Members:

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. Accept retroactively the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) COVID-19 Crisis Response Awards No. COVID 19-01 for \$1,199,524 and No. COVID 19-0101 for \$372,360 to support the highest and immediate priority response needs related to the COVID 19 pandemic within Alameda County for the period of 3/5/20 – 3/15/21 in the total amount of \$1,571,884;
- B. Accept retroactively the CDPH COVID-19 Hospital Preparedness supplemental award No. COVID-19-0102 to support health care preparedness and response activities to coronavirus pandemic and other future disease outbreaks within Alameda County for the period of 3/28/20 – 6/30/21 in the amount of \$182,882;
- C. Accept retroactively the CDPH COVID-19 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Enhancing Detection Funding Award Number COV1D-19ELC01 to support the activities related to COVID-19 /SARS-CoV-2 testing and epidemiologic surveillance for the period of 5/18/20 – 11/17/22 in the amount of \$11,069,905;
- D. Delegate authority to the Agency Director or her designee to execute the acceptance and certification documents for the above awards; and,
- E. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to make the related budget adjustments,

**SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:**

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) allocated four separate grants to Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) to support the County's greatest urgent needs to effectively respond to the coronavirus pandemic within the County.

The COVID-19 Crisis Response Awards provide for the most urgent and highest priority needs to prevent, prepare, and respond to COVID-19 pandemic in Alameda County under the following categories:

- Incident Management for Early Crisis Response including the activation and staffing of emergency operations center; provision of supplies and equipment; and implementation of response plan based on Centers for Disease Control COVID Preparedness and Response Guidance.
- Recovery efforts to pre-event functioning and development of improvement plan.
- Information management including sharing accurate and timely data; and implementing responsive COVID-19 emergency warning and risk communication system and specific media relations strategy.
- Countermeasures and Mitigation including non-pharmaceutical intervention, disease spread mitigation, quarantine and isolation support, and distribution of medical materials.
- Surge Management including deployment of surge personnel and volunteer groups such as the Emergency Medical Reserve Corps; and coordination with health systems for enhanced infection control and prevention activities.
- Biosurveillance including public health surveillance and real-time reporting; public health lab testing and analysis; and public health data management.

The COVID-19 Hospital Preparedness Program supplemental award provides support to hospitals, health systems, front line health care workers, and other related health care coalitions (HCC) and entities to identify and treat patients and/or persons under investigations for COVID-19 and also help prepare those entities for future special pathogen disease outbreaks. The Hospital Preparedness Program award also supports the Local Emergency Medical Agency in patient coordination and transportation planning. The funds may also be used to train workforce, expand use of virtual healthcare and telemedicine, procure supplies and equipment, and coordinate response to COVID-19 across regional, state and other jurisdictional extensions, and local health care facilities.

The COVID-19 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Enhancing Detection award to ACPHD provides critical resources in support of a broad range of activities related to COVID-19 /SARS-CoV-2 testing and epidemiologic surveillance including the modernization of public health surveillance system. The grant expands upon previous COVID-19 awards under the following six strategies that collectively build upon current investments and help the County address COVID-19 response needs over the next 30 months while prioritizing resources to those most vulnerable to the impacts of the disease.

- Enhance Laboratory, Surveillance and Other Workforce Capacity by filling staffing needs to implement actions across all strategies under this source of funding.
- Strengthen Laboratory Testing by building high throughput capacity, both within and outside Public Health Lab, and widening the reach of testing services.
- Advance Electronic Data Exchange by expanding laboratory information infrastructure to improve visibility on laboratory tests performed from all testing sites and enable faster and more complete data exchange and reporting.
- Improve Public Health Surveillance and Reporting of Electronic Health Data by enhancing disease monitoring activities, quick electronic reporting of COVID deaths and morbidities, and by identifying and eventually reducing disparities.

- Use Laboratory Data to Enhance Investigation, Response and Prevention by supporting the comprehensive contact tracing program, California Connected, developed by the State.
- Coordinate and Engage with Partners by coordinating with local health jurisdictions and partnering with organizations or academic institutions to enhance capacity for infection control and prevention of COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2.

State grants require formal acceptance by your Board. Due to emergency of responding to the fast evolving COVID developments, funds have been made available by CDPH for immediate disbursements to ACPHD without the preceding requisite award acceptance and certification documents. To expedite utilization of the funds, your Board is requested to accept the grants and authorize the Agency Director or designee to execute the grant and certification documents when received from the State.


**FINANCING:**

These new awards are not included in ACPHD FY 2020-21 approved budget; therefore, budget adjustments are necessary to increase revenue and appropriation per attached financial recommendation. There is no impact to net County cost as a result of approving the above recommendations.

**VISION 2026 GOAL**

COVID-19 prevention, care, and treatment services meet the 10X goal pathways of **Healthcare for All** in support of our shared visions of **Thriving and Resilient Population** and **Healthy Environment**.

Sincerely,

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Colleen Chawla, Director  
Health Care Services Agency



<b>FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATION</b>		<b>AGENDA DATE:</b>		2/9/2021
<b>Subject of Board Letter:</b>		ACCEPT RETROACTIVELY THE COVID-19 AWARDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE ALAMEDA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DIVISION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, FOR MANAGING THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE		
<b>BY:</b>	2021	<b>FUND:</b>	10000	
The use of Designations, as follows:				
<b>NAME OF DESIGNATION</b>		<b>ORG</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	
The increase (decrease) in anticipated revenue, as follows:				
		<i>Informational</i>		
<b>ORG</b>	<b>ACCT</b>	<b>PROG</b>	<b>PROJ/GR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
350905	456120	00000		182,882
350261	456120	00000		6,553,341
			<b>ORG TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,736,223</b>
		<i>Informational</i>		
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			<b>ORG TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUE</b>				<b>\$ 6,736,223</b>
The increase (decrease) in appropriations, as follows:				
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			<b>ORG TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>				<b>\$ 6,736,223</b>