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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Alameda  
1221 Oak Street  
Oakland, California 94612

**SUBJECT: ACCEPT OVERDOSE DATA TO ACTION GRANT NO. NH28CE003538-01-00 FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION FOR THE PERIOD OF 9/1/23 – 8/31/24, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,549,000; AUTHORIZE THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO INCREASE APPROPRIATION AND REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,124,167**

Dear Board Members:

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. Accept the Overdose Data to Action Limiting Overdose through Collaborative Actions in Localities grant (No. NH28CE003538-01-00) from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to expand overdose surveillance, data integration, and expand medication assisted treatment for opioid use disorders, for the retroactive period of 9/1/23 – 8/31/24, in the amount of \$2,549,000; and
- B. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to make the related budget adjustments to increase appropriation by \$2,124,167 with offsetting revenue from the CDC Overdose Data to Action grant

**SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:**

Overdose mortality rates in the United States, California, and Alameda County, have been growing each year. Currently, there are 358 overdose deaths reported in Alameda County in 2021, of which 201 or 56% involved opioids. Overdose deaths in Alameda County have increased 279% since 2017, with non-fatal overdoses and substance use disorder (SUD) having also drastically increased. In March 2023, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a funding opportunity Overdose Data to Action: Limiting Overdose through Collaborative Actions in Localities (OD2A). It was structured to provide jurisdictions flexible resources to improve the surveillance of nonfatal and fatal drug overdoses and to collect and access data to inform and enhance local prevention activities.

Health Care Services Agency (HCSA) has been awarded an OD2A grant from the CDC as part of the Overdose Data to Action program to improve overdose surveillance data collection and its translation into successful interventions through expanding access to medication assisted treatment, increasing substance use navigation, and increasing harm reduction services like Naloxone distribution. The grant is for \$2,549,000 each year for the next 5 years; there is no match requirement. Furthermore, The CDC does not require any grant agreements to be signed.

Today, HCSA requests your Board's approval to accept the federal grant from the CDC to expand overdose surveillance, data integration, and expand medication assisted treatment for opioid use disorder from the period of 9/1/23 - 8/31/24, in the amount of \$2,549,000.

Your Board's acceptance of these federal funds would provide the following services:

- Expand medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for people with opioid use disorder with the Bridge Clinic operated by Alameda Health System at Highland Hospital;
- Increase Substance Use Navigation with the HIV Education and Prevention Program of Alameda County (HEPPAC) through hiring and deploying substance use navigators to areas with people at risk of overdose: homeless shelters, transitional housing, and other sites;
- Improve Health System best-practices for diagnosing substance use disorder (SUD) and using MAT into the Emergency Department via consulting and training by the California Bridge Program;
- Improve data exchange and communication between the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Coroner's Office and Community Assessment, Planning and Evaluation (CAPE) unit through a data system technician and data sharing agreements;
- Coordinate and train Community Health Workers through Valerie Edwards Health Equity Project to provide training and support to substance use navigators with lived experience of drug use and homelessness to provide high-quality care and navigation services;
- Conduct program evaluation including outcomes monitoring, reporting, and measurement provided by University of California Berkeley Health Research for Action;
- Support Health Data System Integration utilizing existing data infrastructure with the Social Health Information Exchange with Wellbrook Partners, LLC; and
- Expand harm reduction services by providing enhanced drug checking services in coordination with existing programs and syringe service providers and laboratory testing provided by the University of North Carolina Street Drug Testing Lab.

HCSA intends to return to the Board to request acceptance of grant funding for subsequent years.

## **FINANCING**


Funding for these recommendations (\$2,549,000) comes from the CDC Overdose Data to Action grant and is not included in the HCSA FY 2023-2024 Approved Budget. HCSA requests a budget adjustment to increase appropriation in the amount of \$2,124,167 offset by revenue in the

same amount per the attached financial recommendation. The remaining \$424,833 will be requested in the HCSA FY 24-25 Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Budget. Grant funding for years 2 – 5 will be requested in the Maintenance of Effort Budget in subsequent years. Approval of these recommendations will have no impact on net County cost.

**VISION 2026 GOAL**

Providing services improve overdose surveillance data collection, expand access to medication assisted treatment, and increase substance use navigation and harm reduction services like Naloxone meets the 10X goal pathway of **Healthcare for All** in support of our shared visions of a **Safe and Livable Communities** and **Thriving and Resilient Population**.

Sincerely,

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Colleen Chawla, Director  
Health Care Services Agency

**FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATION FORM**

#140100-35 Rev 5/21/14

**AGENDA DATE:** 10/31/2023

**BOARD LETTER SUBJECT:** ACCEPT GRANT NO. NH28CE2023007126 FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION FOR THE PERIOD OF 9/1/23 – 8/31/24, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,549,000; AUTHORIZE THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO MAKE RELATED BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

**BUDGET YEAR:** 2024

**FUND:** 10000

The use of Designations, as follows:

NAME OF DESIGNATION	ORG	AMOUNT

The increase (decrease) in anticipated revenue, as follows:

<i>Informational</i>				
ORG	ACCT	PROG	PROJ/GR	AMOUNT
350100	456120	00000		\$2,124,167
<b>ORG TOTAL</b>				<b>\$2,124,167</b>

<i>Informational</i>				
ORG	ACCT	PROG	PROJ/GR	AMOUNT
<b>ORG TOTAL</b>				<b>\$0</b>

**GRAND TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUE** \$2,124,167

The increase (decrease) in appropriations, as follows:

<i>Informational</i>				
ORG	ACCT	PROG	PROJ/GR	AMOUNT
350100	610000	00000		\$2,124,167
<b>ORG TOTAL</b>				<b>\$2,124,167</b>

<i>Informational</i>				
ORG	ACCT	PROG	PROJ/GR	AMOUNT
<b>ORG TOTAL</b>				<b>\$0</b>

**GRAND TOTAL APPROPRIATION** \$2,124,167