

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 3.40
(ID # 20909)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

FROM : RUHS-PUBLIC HEALTH:

SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM – PUBLIC HEALTH: Ratify and Approve the Acceptance of the Extension to the COVID-19 ELC Enhancing Detection Funding Award from the California Department of Public Health to extend the period of performance through July 31, 2024. All Districts. [Total Amended Cost \$0; up to \$833,446 in additional funding - 100% Federal]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and approve the Acceptance of the Extension to the COVID-19 ELC Enhancing Detection Funding Award from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to extend the period of performance through July 31, 2024, with no change in the original funding amount of \$16,668,912; and
2. Authorize the Director of Public Health, or designee, in accordance with Ordinance No. 459, and as approved as to form by County Counsel, to: (a) sign any certifications, reports, forms, agreements, and subsequent amendments thereto, or other related documents required by CDPH to effectuate the allocation, including modifications to the period of performance; and (b) accept additional funding allocations from CDPH that do not exceed the sum total of five percent (5%) of the total aggregate allocation amount, which equates to \$833,446.

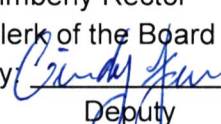
ACTION:A-30, Policy


Kim Saruwatari, Director of Public Health 12/30/2022

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: January 10, 2023
xc: RUHS-PH

Kimberly Rector
Clerk of the Board
By 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 22/23-23/24	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

As part of the CARES Act and Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act Response Activities for Cross-Cutting Emerging Issues, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) allocated \$16,668,912 for COVID-19 ELC Enhancing Detection Funding to Riverside University Health System – Public Health (RUHS-PH). The ELC Enhancing Funds are intended to provide critical resources to local health departments in support of a broad range of COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 testing and epidemiologic surveillance related activities, including the establishment of modernized public health surveillance systems. These funds have been and will continue to support part of the public health response to COVID-19 and lay the foundation for the future of public health surveillance. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds were provided up-front to begin work on the following six strategies:

- Enhancing Laboratory, Surveillance and Other Workforce Capacity for local health department staffing needs.
- Strengthening Laboratory Testing to include building high throughput capacity in California's laboratories.
- Advancing Electronic Data Exchange at Public Health Laboratories.
- Improving Public Health Surveillance and Reporting of Electronic Health Data by enhanced disease monitoring activities.
- Using Laboratory Data to Enhance Investigation, Response and Prevention by supporting the State of California's comprehensive contact tracing team.
- Coordinating and Engaging with Partners.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

This funding allocation continues to span six different strategies that collectively build upon current investments and better prepare RUHS-PH to address some of the Public Health COVID-19 response needs and allow the county to prioritize and target resources to those most vulnerable to the impacts of the disease. The funding enhances the epidemiology and laboratory capacity of Public Health to better serve the community through improved technology, training, infrastructure, and additional staffing.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

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No additional funding is being added for this allocation extension. There is no impact to County General Funds. Although this no cost extension allows for funding to be extended through June 30, 2024, RUHS-PH intends to spend the remaining funds during FY22/23. However, in the event that funds are remaining, RUHS-PH requests permission to roll unspent funds into FY23/24. The funding has been allocated as follows for each fiscal year:

County Fiscal Year

FY20/21	\$3,334,352
FY21/22	\$9,032,331
FY22/23	\$4,302,229
Total Aggregate Amount:	\$16,668,912

Contract History

The original funding period from CDPH was May 18, 2020, through November 17, 2022. The Board of Supervisors approved the allocation amount of \$16,668,912 to RUHS-PH on March 23, 2021, on Agenda Item 3.23. The funding allocation is now extended by CDPH through July 31, 2024, with no change in the amount.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A: COVID-19 ELC Enhancing Detection and ELC Expansion Funding Extension Letter

  
Douglas Cordonez Jr. 1/4/2023



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Director and State Public Health Officer

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
California Department of Public Health



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor

June 16, 2022

TO: All Local Health Officers and Health Directors

**COVID-19 ELC Enhancing Detection and ELC Expansion
Funding Extension**

Dear Local Health Officers and Directors:

This letter serves as official notification of the following funding period extensions:

1. ELC Enhancing Detection (\$286 million) funding was provided to local health departments through the federal Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act. The funding period was originally May 18, 2020 through November 17, 2022 and has now been modified to **May 18, 2020 through July 31, 2024.**
2. ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion (\$1.1 billion) was provided to local health departments through the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2020. The funding period was originally January 15, 2021 through July 31, 2023 and has now been modified to **January 15, 2021 through July 31, 2024.**

Additional reports will be added to the reporting schedule to accommodate the extended period of service for both grants. Please see attached updated reporting schedule.

The allocation to your jurisdiction for both ELC Enhancing Detection and ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion grants will remain unchanged. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please reach out to CDPHELC@cdph.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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