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Hello Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The Department of Public Health (DPH) will request approval for one (1) retroactive item at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Full Board of Supervisors meeting. We'd like to provide you with brief background information and reason for retroactivity prior to the meeting. Please see below for a brief description of the item and our DPH representative who may be contacted directly should you have any questions.

**Agenda item #14 – File no. 220269 - Accept and Expend Grant - Retroactive - National Institutes of Health - Heluna Health - Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)-3D: An Integrated Pharmacy Digital Diary and Delivery Strategy to Increase PrEP Use Among Men Who Have Sex With Men -**

**\$334,576** - Resolution retroactively authorizing the Department of Public Health to accept and expend a grant increase from the National Institutes of Health through Heluna Health for participation in a program, entitled “Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)-3D: An Integrated Pharmacy Digital Diary and Delivery Strategy to Increase Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Use Among Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM),” in the amount of \$95,985 for the period of April 1, 2020, through March 31, 2021, and in the amount of \$166,602 for the period of April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022, for a total amount of \$334,576 for the total grant period of April 8, 2019, through March 31, 2022.

- **Background:** The National Institutes of Health (NIH), through Heluna Health (HH), has funded DPH for participation in the program, “Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)-3D: An Integrated Pharmacy Digital Diary and Delivery Strategy to Increase Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Use Among Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM). MSM are the populations most affected by HIV in the United States, accounting for more than two-thirds of all new HIV diagnoses. PrEP has demonstrated high levels of efficacy for HIV prevention among MSM. This program is a pharmacy-led model of PrEP delivery, combined with mobile app-based PrEP support, which could address many of the challenges with starting and staying on PrEP, and also greatly reduce burden on the medical system. This grant partially reimburses DPH for three existing positions, and an ASO amendment is not required.
- **Reason for Retroactivity:** We respectfully request approval to retroactively accept and expend these funds. DPH received the subaward agreements from Heluna Health on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 for a grant start date of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, and on October 25<sup>th</sup> for a grant start date of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.
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Thank you for your time and consideration,  
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