

Syphilis and Congenital Syphilis Outbreak Strategy Funding – FY 22/23

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Overview

- Background & statutory language
- Administrative updates
- Grant activities discussion
- Next steps

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Background and Statutory Language

Background

- Ending the Epidemics Coalition asked the legislature for \$49 million over 5 years to address syphilis and congenital syphilis in the highest morbidity LHJs.
- Final FY22/23 budget included \$9 million for LHJs and \$1 million for CDPH, to be encumbered or expended by June 30, 2027.
 - We anticipate two additional years of funding

Authorizing statute (a-b)

- a. Funds shall be allocated to 8 LHJs: Fresno, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, & San Joaquin.
- b. Funds shall be allocated based on morbidity, with 60% of funds based on early syphilis and 40% of funds based on congenital syphilis.

FY22-23 Allocations for SOS Funding

Local Health Jurisdiction	FY 22-23
Fresno	\$583,891
Kern	\$581,707
Los Angeles	\$3,957,227
Orange	\$477,520
San Bernardino	\$1,069,175
San Diego	\$761,915
San Francisco	\$889,417
San Joaquin	\$679,148



Programmatic requirements listed in Authorizing Statute (c)

- Innovative and impactful syphilis/CS prevention and control
- Focus on disproportionately impacted populations as determined by local epidemiology, which may include, but are not limited to,
 - African American/Black people
 - Latinx people
 - American Indian/Alaska Native people
 - Trans women
 - Pregnant people experiencing homelessness or who use drugs
 - Gay, bisexual, and other MSM

Administrative items listed in Authorizing Statute (d-f)

- d. Monitor activities in funded LHJs to assess the effectiveness of STD prevention and control activities.
- e. Supplement, but not supplant, existing financial and resource commitments of the LHJ.
- f. Exempt from the Public Contract Code and the State Contracting Manual, and shall not be subject to the approval of the Department of General Services.

Administrative Updates



Administrative Process – Grants and Timeline

September

AWARD LETTER

The STD Control Branch will send award letters to the LHJs with instructions on budget development and other documents to submit for the development of draft grant agreement.

October - November

GRANT DOCUMENTS

The STD Control Branch will work LHJs to develop grant agreement documents and budgets for review and approval.

November - December

CDPH – CONTRACTS MANAGEMENT UNIT (CMU)

The STD Control Branch anticipates releasing final grant agreement packets to LHJs for signature.

January- March 2023

EXECUTED GRANTS

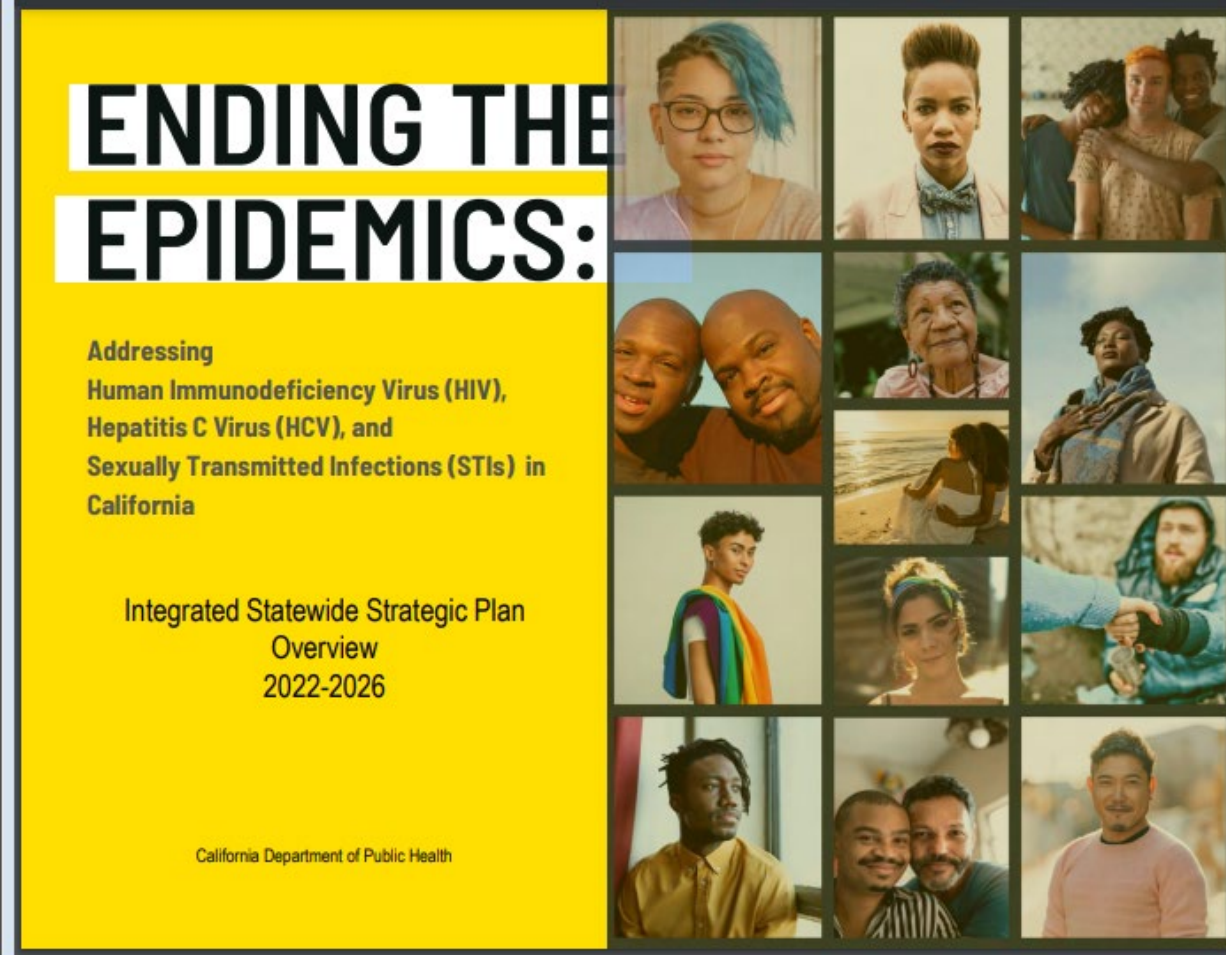
Anticipate receiving signed agreements back from LHJs. The STD Control Branch will review agreement packets from LHJs and forward to CMU for final review and execution.

Grant Activities Discussion



STD/HIV/HCV Strategic Plan

- Statewide and local Ending the Epidemic initiatives
- Framed around social determinants of health:
 - Racial Equity
 - Housing First
 - Health Access for All
 - Mental Health and Substance Use
 - Economic Justice
 - Stigma Free



CS Regional Stakeholder Convenings, 2021

- Increase collaboration between clinics, CBOs, and LHJs
- Screen for syphilis in jail and ensure linkages after release
- Support ED-based screening & use of DIS/navigators for continuity of care
- Follow/promote expanded syphilis screening guidelines
- Support non-judgmental care environments
- Provide care that better serves populations at risk (e.g., Team Lily)
- Work with Black perinatal health groups
- Implement peer-based strategies (e.g., peer navigation)
- Use harm reduction approaches and collaborate with harm reduction organizations



Input from other stakeholders on Grant Activities

- Sex-positive harm reduction approaches for MSM
- Walk-in clinics with evening and weekend hours
- Transportation for appointments
- Outreach to people who exchange sex for money, drugs, or a place to stay
- Increased access to PrEP for Black and Latinx MSM with syphilis



Discussion

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Thank you!

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