



DATE: October 1, 2019

TO: The Board of Supervisors

THROUGH: Angelica M. Almeida, Ph.D.
Director, Forensic/Justice Involved Behavioral Health Services

FROM: Gregory Wong
Administrative Analyst

RE: Approval to accept and expend retroactively a grant to the Department of Public Health (DPH) from the California State Department of State Hospitals in the amount of \$2,300,400 for the period of September 15, 2019 to September 15, 2022.

DPH requests the approval to accept and expend retroactively grant funds from the California Department of State Hospitals in the amount of \$2,300,400 to be awarded to support a three-year project, for the period of September 15, 2019 to September 14, 2022. This grant will support the “Pre-Trial Felony Mental Health Diversion Program” project for the Behavioral Health Services Division.

We respectfully request for approval to accept and expend these funds retroactive to September 15, 2019. The Department of Public Health (DPH) received the agreement on June 28, 2019 with a budget start date of September 15, 2019.

The specific aim of this project is to create a pathway for courts to authorize pre-trial diversion for individuals with serious mental disorders who have committed certain felony or misdemeanor crimes. The goal of the program is to provide new pathways to dismissal of charges for felony-charged individuals with serious mental illness who are at risk of being found Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST), while reducing and eliminating criminal justice recidivism and supporting the long-term stability, wellness, and safety of justice involved individuals with mental illness.

As required, all individuals served will have a diagnosis of Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, or Bipolar Disorder and will not pose an unreasonable risk of danger to public safety if treated in the community. Additionally, a connection will be established for all project clients between each individual’s mental illness and the charged offense. Individuals who meet the program’s psychiatric and criminal justice criteria and are accepted into the program by the court (estimated to be 10 a year) will be provided with extensive supportive services both inside and outside the jail setting; including intensive case management, support from trained peer navigators, and stabilization housing.

The grant is \$2,300,400. Approximately \$495,974 of direct costs will provide support for City and County of San Francisco employees. An additional 1,595,299 of the direct costs will be subcontracted to UCSF Citywide, and Hatchuel, Tabernik & Associates. Indirect costs of \$209,127 were calculated at the rate of 10 percent of total direct costs.



The contract amount will be allocated as follow:

	Year 2019-2020	Year 2020-2021	Year 2021-2022
	09/15/19- 09/14/20	09/15/20- 09/14/21	09/15/21- 09/14/22
SFDPH	\$760,047	\$758,849	\$781,504

Thank you for your assistance in processing this request. Please contact Gregory Wong (415) 554-2547 to request additional information.