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Subject: 7/13 BOS: DPH Retroactive Items

Hello Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The Department of Public Health (DPH) will request approval for (2) retroactive items at the July 13th Full Board of Supervisors meeting. We would like to provide you with background information and reason for retroactivity prior to the meeting. Please see below for a brief discussion of the items and our DPH representatives whom you may contact directly should you have any questions.

Agenda item #30 – File no. 210667 - Agreement - Retroactive - San Francisco Community Health Authority - Medical Reimbursement Accounts Cash Grant Program - Not to Exceed \$14,903,500 -

Resolution retroactively approving an agreement between the San Francisco Community Health Authority and the Department of Public Health for the implementation of San Francisco Medical Reimbursement Accounts Cash Grant Program payments authorized under the seventeenth supplement to the Mayoral Local Emergency Declaration for a total amount not to exceed \$14,903,500 for a term of 18 months, from July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2021.

- **Description:** The San Francisco Community Health Authority administers the City’s Medical Reimbursement program, which provides health care accounts funded through employer contributions; individual accounts are set up for covered employees where the funds in the account can be used toward eligible health care expenses. The purpose of the program is to make cash grants of up to \$500 to persons with Medical Reimbursement Accounts to cover COVID-19 related expenses that were not covered by insurance or other means.
- **Reason for Retroactivity:** We are respectfully requesting approval for this agreement retroactive to July 1, 2020. This is a new program that DPH was directed to establish in June 2020 through the Mayor’s seventeenth supplement to the original emergency proclamation. The program was implemented and grants were dispersed between July 2020 and February 2021. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the department significantly increased volume of contracts to respond to COVID-19 which led to a delay in the finalization of the contract for this particular program.
- **DPH Representative:** Greg Wagner | Chief Operating Officer, San Francisco Department of public Health | greg.wagner@sfdph.org

Agenda item #37 – File no. 210720 - Accept and Expend Grant - Retroactive - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - PS20-2010: Integrated Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Programs for Health Departments to Support Ending the HIV Epidemic in the United States - \$2,740,288 -

Resolution retroactively authorizing the Department of Public Health to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$2,740,288 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for participation in a program, entitled “PS20-2010: Integrated Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Programs for Health Departments to Support Ending the HIV Epidemic in the United States,” for the period of August 1, 2020, through July 31, 2021.

- **Description:** San Francisco has implemented a data-driven high impact prevention strategy over the last decade, and HIV surveillance has shown significant reductions in new HIV diagnoses and increasing linkage to care and number of people living with HIV who are virally suppressed. While SF's progress is encouraging, some communities experience significant and persistent disparities in HIV associated indicators. DPH will take steps to improve focus and responsiveness to the specific needs of communities of color and PEH, while maintaining existing focus on high prevalence populations. Through SF's Component A proposal, DPH will (1) address overlapping vulnerabilities, health disparities and inequities and (2) use a community- and person-centered approach, integrated strategies, status-neutral services, and disruptive innovation to increase access to treatment and prevention, address the root causes, and to keep up with the changing times. DPH's Component C proposal will address more timely identification of HIV status, increasing capacity through expansion of express visits, and reducing HIV disparities by increasing the proportion of patients who are most vulnerable to HIV. This grant does not require an ASO amendment.
- **Reason for Retroactivity:** We are respectfully requesting retroactive approval to accept and expend this grant. DPH received the revised award agreement on October 30, 2020 for a project start date of August 1, 2020. There were delays in processing and introducing this accept and expend grant as DPH included these newly funded positions in FY 21-22, rather than amend the Annual Salary Ordinance for FY 20-21.
- **DPH Representatives:**
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Thank you for your time and consideration,
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