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1. Overview

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) STD Control Branch (STDCB) sets forth the following standards and procedures. These standards and procedures specify the conditions for receipt of CDPH STDCB local assistance funds.

The local health department has the authority for STD prevention and control as outlined in the Summary of Regulations Related to STD Prevention and Control Efforts in California. https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/STD-ForLocalHealthJurisdictions.aspx

2. Grantee's Responsibilities

The Grantee agrees to:

- A. Direct activities toward achieving the program objectives set forth by the CDPH STDCB.
- B. Use these funds in accordance with any additional guidance set forth by the CDPH STDCB regarding the granting, use and reimbursement of the STDCB local assistance funds. Additional consideration should be given to other guidance from the CDPH and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) intended to highlight successful STD, HIV and/or HCV prevention strategies or outline California specific initiatives, policies and procedures. Please find relevant programmatic guidance documents on the CDPH STDCB website: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/STD.aspx
- C. Use these funds to augment existing funds and not supplant funds that have been locally appropriated for the same purposes. Local assistance funds are intended to provide local entities with increased capabilities to address STD control needs. Supplanting of funds is defined (for the purposes of this agreement) as using local assistance award monies to "replace" or "take the place of" existing local funding. For example, reductions in local funds cannot be offset by the use of CDPH STDCB dollars for the same purpose.
- D. Abide by the most recent standards of care for STD screening, treatment, control and prevention as promulgated by:
 - California Department of Public Health
 https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/STDs-ClinicalGuidelines.aspx
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <u>https://www.cdc.gov/std/tg2015/default.htm</u>
 <u>https://www.cdc.gov/std/</u>

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- E. Share health advisories, health education materials, outreach, testing and linkage to care and care coordination protocols, and other products created to enhance STD awareness, prevention, testing, linkage to care, and care coordination funded with these dollars with CDPH and other LHJs and community-based organizations (CBOs) in California. The intent of this is to allow duplication (where possible) and cross-jurisdictional reach of successful STD interventions and activities aimed at the priority populations, clinical providers, and community partners. Source documents should be submitted to CDPH STDCB upon completion and with the annual progress report, and upon request from CDPH, as relevant.
- F. Submit information and reports as requested by the CDPH STDCB.
- G. Ensure the use of a competitive bid process in the selection of all subcontracts. If the subcontract is one where the LHJ has a current agreement with, indicate the date the agreement was effective. If the CBO is a non-profit agency as defined by Internal Revenue Code 501(c), ensure the LHJ has a current letter on file from the Internal Revenue Service for the CBO.

3. Reporting Requirements

A. Case Report, Laboratory, and Interview Record

All Grantees shall comply with morbidity reporting requirements for reportable STDs identified in Title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR) §2500, §2593, §2641.5-2643.20, and §2800 – 20182 Reportable Diseases and Conditions. https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/ReportableDiseases.pdf

All Grantees, excluding Los Angeles and San Francisco, must enter STD case reports, laboratory results, and interview data for their jurisdiction directly into the California Reportable Disease Information Exchange (CalREDIE) system, the CDPH web-based reporting software for notifiable diseases. Data must be entered into the appropriate tabs and forms in CalREDIE. Submission of hard copy forms for data entry into CalREDIE by CDPH or scanning of case reports, laboratory results, or interview records into the electronic filing cabinet (EFC), sans data entry, will not be accepted. CDPH STD Control Branch will provide essential variables for data entry and STD case report forms. Specific case investigation and report requirements are as follows:

 Syphilis laboratory tests and confidential morbidity reports should be processed and assigned for investigation according to the California Syphilis Reactor Alert System (SRAS). Some health jurisdictions may have a more nuanced local system for prioritizing reported reactive syphilis tests.

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20 Library/SyphilisReactorSRASChartAlgorithm.pdf

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- 2. Syphilis cases and congenital syphilis case investigations are to be reported according to updated CDPH STDCB protocols on the appropriate case report forms (Syphilis Interview Record or California Congenital Syphilis-CS Case Investigation and Report) found in CalREDIE; samples of these forms can be viewed at https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/PSB/Pages/CommunicableDiseaseControl.aspx. Grantees will complete and close investigations in CalREDIE within 45 days of initial report to local health department.
- 3. Chlamydia and gonorrhea reports are automatically initiated through CalREDIE with electronic laboratory report information, data entry of laboratory, or provider report.
- 4. Cases of gonorrhea with suspected treatment failure or with high minimum inhibitory concentrations (MIC) to CDC-recommended treatment should be reported to CDPH STDCB within 24 hours of initial report to local health department. Reports should be conveyed by calling the CDPH STDCB Office at (510) 620-3400.
- Suspected or confirmed cases of lymphogranuloma venereum, and chancroid should be reported to CDPH STDCB within 24 hours of initial report to local health department. Reports should be conveyed by calling the CDPH STDCB Office at (510) 620-3400.
- 6. Grantees will participate in STD-specific CalREDIE trainings and conduct quality control procedures, including review of cases to ensure appropriate surveillance case definition and reconciliation of case counts.

For additional STD-related CalREDIE help, please email STDCalREDIE@cdph.ca.gov.

For STD case definitions, please visit https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/STDCaseDefinitions.aspx

For frequently asked questions, manuals/guidelines, and forms/instructions. https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/STD-CalREDIE-Resources.aspx

Los Angeles and San Francisco grantees must report the data outlined above to CDPH STD Control Branch via a secure file transfer protocol (FTP) on a weekly basis. Data will be transmitted using the following formats:

- Case report data to be submitted using the National Electronic Telecommunications System for Surveillance (NETSS) or Message Mapping Guides (MMG) standards.
- Interview record data to be submitted in a format that conforms to the corresponding CalREDIE data elements.

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B. Performance Measurement and Program Evaluation

Grantees will submit performance indicators specified in the scope of work, including for activities subcontracted to one or more community-based organizations. Project specific data reporting requirements and performance indicators will be determined in collaboration with CDPH within the first three months of the project period.

C. Data Security and Confidentiality

Grantees shall comply with recommendations set forth in CDC's "Data Security and Confidentiality Guidelines for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, Sexually Transmitted Disease, and Tuberculosis Programs."

http://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/programintegration/docs/PCSIDataSecurityGuidelines.pdf. Grantees shall have staff complete CDPH required confidentiality and data security training, and maintain on file associated confidentiality agreements for each staff person with access to STD data.

D. Outbreak Reporting

The California Code of Regulations (Title 17, Section 2502[c]) directs local health officers to immediately report unusual disease occurrences or outbreaks to CDPH. Reports should be conveyed by calling the CDPH STDCB Office at (510) 620-3400.

E. Financial Expenditures and Reporting

Grantees must maintain records reflecting actual expenditures. Please see the CDPH STDCB Use of Local Assistance Funds document for guidance on allowable and non-allowable expenditures.

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/UseofLocalAssistanceFunds.pdf. The CDPH STDCB reserves the right to question and re-negotiate reimbursement for any expenditure that may appear to exceed a reasonable cost for the service. Financial expenditures/reporting are required and must be submitted within 45 calendar days after the end of each quarter. Annual financial expenditures and reporting should be submitted no later than 45 days after the end of the budget period. Invoices should be sent to STDLHJInvoices@cdph.ca.gov.

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F. Performance Progress Reporting

The Annual Performance Progress Report is due no later than 30 days prior to the end of the budget period (e.g. May 31, 2020), and serves as the continuation application for the follow-on budget period. All publications and manuscripts published as a result of the work supported in part or whole by the cooperative grant must be submitted with the performance progress reports. Additionally, health advisories, health education materials, and other products should be submitted. Annual Performance Progress Report should be submitted to STDLHJContracts@cdph.ca.gov.

G. Reporting Use of Incentives

Acceptable incentives include items such as low value gift cards (e.g., WalMart, Safeway, transportation vouchers), hygiene kits, and/or other STD-related incentives. All proposals for incentives must be submitted to CDPH STDCB for review prior to purchase and project implementation, accompanying documents must contain justification for use as behavior modification material, and accompanied by a targeted distribution plan and tracking/reporting/outcome log. When using incentives to achieve the goals and objectives outlined in the Scope of Work, the Grantee must adhere to the following requirements:

- 1. Complete a Subject Reimbursement Log that is kept within a secure study file. This log will contain the gift card brand, gift card number, denomination, date purchased, reason for disbursement, the recipient of the incentive, and the issue date (see attached log).
- 2. Each participant receiving an incentive must complete a Subject Incentive Payment Receipt at the time the incentive is issued. The Subject Incentive Payment Receipt must be kept in a secure location.
- 3. Participation incentives cannot be used for the purchase of alcohol, tobacco, or drug products.
- 4. A copy of the Subject Reimbursement Log must be submitted with the quarterly invoice.
- 5. The Subject Incentive Payment Receipt must be kept for a minimum of five (5) years after the termination of the grant.

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- H. Reporting Use of Material Support

 Acceptable material support includes, but it is not limited to, sleeping bags, tarps, shelter, clothing items, and hygiene kits. All proposals for material support items must be submitted to CDPH STDCB for review prior to purchase and project implementation, accompanying documents must contain justification for use, targeted distribution plan and tracking/reporting/outcome log. When using material support items to achieve the goals and objectives outlined in the Scope of Work, the Grantee must adhere to the following requirements:
 - 1. Complete a Subject Reimbursement Log that is kept within a secure study file. This log will contain the material support item name, denomination, date purchased, reason for disbursement, the recipient of the material support item, and the issue date (see attached log).
 - 2. Each participant receiving material support item must complete a Subject Payment Receipt at the time the material support item is issued. The Subject Payment Receipt must be kept in a secure location.
 - 3. A copy of the Subject Reimbursement Log must be submitted with the quarterly invoice.
 - 4. The Subject Payment Receipt must be kept for a minimum of five (5) years after the termination of the grant.
- 4. Rights of California Department of Public Health, Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Branch
 - A. The CDPH STDCB reserves the right to modify the terms and conditions of all awards. Additional information and documentation may be required.
 - B. The CDPH STDCB reserves the right to use and reproduce all reports and data produced and delivered pursuant to the local assistance awards and reserves the right to authorize others to use or reproduce such materials, provided that the confidentiality of patient information and records is protected pursuant to California State laws and regulations.