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Letter of Intent

DATE: July 29, 2025

TO: CALIFORNIA LOCAL HEALTH JURISDICTIONS

SUBJECT: DISEASE INTERVENTION SPECIALIST (DIS) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Branch (STDCB), is pleased to announce the intent to award Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs) funds through the Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) Workforce Development Grant. Funded by the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Rebate Fund, this Grant is to fund local disease intervention specialists supporting current or eligible services and programs as per Sections 120956 and 120972.2 of the Health and Safety Code. This Grant is tentatively set to begin on July 1, 2025, and end on June 30, 2030.

The purpose of the DIS Workforce Development Grant is to develop, expand, train, and sustain the DIS workforce and address jurisdictional prevention and response needs for sexually transmitted infections (STIs), human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), Hepatitis C Virus (HCV), and mpox over the performance period. The funding is intended to scale prevention, increase capacity to conduct disease investigation, ensure appropriate treatment, link people to care and ongoing case management, monitor disease trends and rapidly respond to changes in disease trends and outbreaks of STIs, HIV, HCV, and mpox or other emerging sexually transmissible diseases. The Grant Activities will be available on the STDCB STI/HCV Local Assistance Funding SharePoint site once they are finalized.

These annual DIS Workforce Development Grant funds will maintain the disease investigation workforce across 61 LHJs and ensure the continuation of essential services to prevent and control HIV, STIs, HCV, and mpox. See attached ADAP DIS Workforce Development LHJ Allocation Funding for a comprehensive summary of the funding, including final amounts. Funding availability in subsequent fiscal years will be determined by satisfactory recipient performance and is subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

To secure these funds, an official Grant Agreement will be developed and executed between the LHJs and CDPH. To assist the STD Control Branch staff in preparing the Grant Agreements, please return the following documents no later than close of business, **August 15, 2025,** via email to Adriana.Cervantes@cdph.ca.gov with a cc to STDLHJContracts@cdph.ca.gov. Include the name of your LHJ in the subject line to facilitate easy identification of the LHJ you represent (City/County of XXXX – DIS WF Development Grant).

1) **LHJ Program Contact Information**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Local Assistance Funding Specialist, Adriana Cervantes by email (Adriana.Cervantes@cdph.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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Attachments:
1. DIS Workforce Development Grant LHJ Funding Allocation FY 2025-2030
2. LHJ Program Contact Information

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