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Dear California Local Health Officer:

NOTIFICATION OF FUNDING TO SUPPORT LOCAL ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Oral Health Program (OHP) is pleased to notify you of the availability of funds for your agency for the purposes of increasing your capacity to support activities to achieve the California Oral Health Plan (COHP) goals and objectives. These funds are made available through Proposition 56, the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 (Prop 56), to be used for public health services. The activities may include convening, coordination, and collaboration to support planning, disease prevention, surveillance, education, and linkage to treatment programs. These funds may not be used to pay for direct clinical services, nor may they be used to supplant existing funds for oral health activities. This letter provides further details regarding this opportunity for your Local Health Department/Jurisdiction (LHD/LHJ).

Funding Amount and Budget:

The funding award for your LHD/LHJ is \$308,879 per year, with an anticipated total 5-year funding amount of \$1,544,395. Funding amounts have been determined using the estimated low-income population based on the American Community Survey 2015 Five year estimates, which can be found at:

https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS_15_5YR_S1701&prodType=table

Agreement and Term:

The Prop 56 funding for your jurisdiction will be made available through a grant agreement between CDPH/OHP and your agency. The agreement will be comprised of standard CDPH and other state agency forms and exhibits. You will receive guidance for preparing your grant agreement documents in the near future.

The agreement is anticipated to have a term of five years. Due to planning and preparations, Year 1 of the agreement is anticipated to begin midway through the first state



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fiscal year (SFY). Years 2 through 5 of the grant term will align with the SFY, which starts July 1st and ends on June 30th of the following year.

The five-year grant will have the following anticipated term:

Year 1: January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018

Year 2: July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

Year 3: July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Year 4: July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Year 5: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

Tentative Timeline

July 1, 2017	Prop 56 Funds become available
August 16, 2017	Tentative Release of Program Guidelines
September 20, 2017	Due date for LHD/LHJs to submit grant applications
January 1, 2018	Anticipated start date of agreements

CDPH/OHP hosted two webinars (July 26th and July 27th) for all LHD/LHJs to learn more about the LOHP and provided an opportunity to ask questions. CDPH/OHP made the presentation slides available in the webinar attendee materials. CDPH/OHP intends to post the presentation slides on the OHP webpage, or email it to participants and contact persons, along with FAQs based on discussion during the webinars.

Attached to this letter is a draft At-A-Glance of the proposed California Oral Health Plan, which provides an overview of the 10-year vision, mission, goals, objectives, and strategies developed by CDPH and its partners to improve the oral health of Californians throughout the lifespan. Additional information about the Local Oral Health Programs will be forthcoming in a guidance document that is planned for release in mid-August. If you have questions in the meantime, please submit them to DentalDirector@cdph.ca.gov.

The next few years will provide California with a unique opportunity to work together to improve oral health for all Californians. We look forward to working with you to address the oral health needs in your community.

Sincerely,



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State Dental Director

Enclosure: Draft At-A-Glance Overview of the California Oral Health Plan