



Office of the City Manager

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November 16, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Lisa Warhuus, Director, Health, Housing & Community Services

Subject: Authorizing Acceptance of California Department of Public Health California Equitable Recovery Initiative Grant Award

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to submit grant agreements to California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to accept an award of California Equitable Recovery Initiative (CERI) grant funds, and to execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments in order to support health equity efforts in response to the COVID19 pandemic.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City received an award letter for \$300,000 in CERI funds for the period September 1, 2021 to May 31, 2023. The federal sources of funding for this grant are: Section 317(k)(2) of the Public Health Service Act [42 USC 247b(k)(2), as amended] and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L 116-260), which contained the Coronavirus Response Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L 116-260, Section 2, Division M, Title III). The funds received will be deposited in revenue account 336-51-501-501-0000-000-000-431110-.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

CERI is California's implementation of the federal National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities Among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Including the Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities program, managed by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). CDPH allocated \$300,000 to City of Berkeley. These funds are intended to address COVID-19 and advance health equity (e.g., through strategies, interventions, and services that consider systemic barriers and potentially discriminatory practices that have put certain groups at higher risk for diseases like COVID-19) for disproportionately impacted racial and ethnic groups, rural populations, those experiencing socioeconomic disparities, and other underserved communities within state and local health jurisdictions.

This allocation will be used to implement one or more of four distinct CDC strategies that collectively build upon current investments, better position California to meet COVID-19 response and recovery needs over the next 24 months, and allow the City to

prioritize and target resources to those most vulnerable to the impacts of the pandemic. The four CDC strategies are:

1. Expand existing and/or develop new mitigation and prevention resources and services to reduce COVID-19 related disparities among populations at higher risk and that are underserved.
2. Increase/improve data collection and reporting for populations experiencing a disproportionate burden of COVID-19 infection, severe illness, and death to guide the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Build, leverage, and expand infrastructure support for COVID-19 prevention and control among populations that are at higher risk and underserved.
4. Mobilize partners and collaborators to advance health equity and address social determinants of health as they relate to COVID-19 health disparities among populations at higher risk and that are underserved.

Work supported by CERI will be a Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing our goal to champion and demonstrate social and racial equity.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Health, Housing and Community Services is currently working to administer and implement programs with more than \$20 million in multi-year COVID relief funding. The CDC and State of California intend for the CERI grant to build on equity efforts supported by other COVID relief grants by building organizational capacity to advance equity.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no environmental sustainability or climate impacts directly associated with the subject matter in this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Accepting this award of funds will support the City's goal to champion and demonstrate social and racial equity.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

HHCS did not identify any other actions that would be consistent with the City's Strategic Plan priorities and identified needs.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
CALIFORNIA EQUITABLE RECOVERY INITIATIVE GRANT AWARD

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Berkeley established advancing racial and social equity as a Strategic Plan priority; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic had disparate impacts on the population of the United States, including the City of Berkeley, exacerbating existing social and racial inequities; and

WHEREAS, the federal government established the National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities Among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Including Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities grant program which is being implemented in California as the California Equitable Recovery Initiative (CERI); and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health has awarded \$300,000 in CERI funds to the City of Berkeley for the period September 1, 2021 to May 31, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to accept an award of grant funds from the California Equitable Recovery Initiative; execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments; and implement the projects and appropriation of funding in for related expenses. CERI Budget Code (Revenue): 336-51-501-501-0000-000-000-431110-. A record signature copy of said agreements and any amendments shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

