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Section 28.00—Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Enhancing Detection through Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Funds

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 28.00, 2020 Budget Act, the following report is respectfully submitted.

The Department of Finance has received the attached Section 28.00 application from the Department of Public Health for the purpose of a fiscal year 2020-21 budget adjustment for the Public and Environmental Health Program to support local health jurisdictions' COVID-19 pandemic response.

The Department of Public Health received official notification of the availability of additional, unanticipated federal funds on January 7, 2021 and notified Finance within 45 days of this date.

Subdivision (b) of this section authorizes the Director of Finance to authorize the augmentation of expenditure equal to the amount of any additional, unanticipated funds received by the state from the federal government. The federal ELC Enhancing Detection funds provide the state with \$1.7 billion to support testing, contact tracing, vaccination, surveillance, containment and mitigation through the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). ELC funding was previously provided to the state in the summer of 2020, however this funding is notably different in that the CDC has explicitly permitted its use for vaccination activities. Collectively, these funds will provide local public health departments with additional resources to mitigate the spread of the virus and reduce the number of hospitalizations related to COVID-19. These funds intend to build upon prior efforts funded through the initial allocation of ELC funds.

These funds were not accounted for in the Budget Act, and the Department of Finance seeks to make the following augmentations to Budget Act items. The federal support will be added to the items below as reimbursements which increases the Department's spending authority without creating an impact to the General Fund.

- \$1,187,498,000 to Item 4265-111-0001 for the Department of Public Health—these funds will be provided to local governments and used to further six strategies: (1) enhance laboratory, surveillance, informatics and other workforce capacity; (2) strengthen laboratory testing; (3) advance electronic data exchange at public health laboratories; (4) improve public health surveillance and reporting of electronic health data; (5) use laboratory data to enhance investigation, response and prevention ; and (6) coordinate and engage with partners. Recently released federal guidelines include vaccination operations as an eligible use of these funds.

This request meets the following criteria, as required in subdivision (b) of Section 28.00:

- The funds will be expended for COVID-19 pandemic response which is consistent with state law.
- The funds are made available to the state under conditions permitting their use only for the specified purpose, and the additional expenditure proposed would apply to this specified funding purpose.
- Acceptance of the additional funding does not impose on the state any requirement to commit or expend new state funds for any program or purpose.
- The need exists to expend the additional funding during the current fiscal year because of ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response.

We concur with the necessity of this change to the approved budget, and request a waiver of the 30-day review period from the above date to provide local health departments with sufficient funds to continue emergency response efforts.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call Jack Zwald, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 445-6423.

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Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ) Funding Distribution For the ELC Grant

Funding Formula: Population, Poverty and Race/Ethnicity

Description of funding formula: Each California LHJ, excluding Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Pasadena, is awarded a base of \$1,000,000. The balance of funds are distributed based on the proportion each LHJ contributes to the 2019 population (50% of allocation), the proportion each LHJ contributes to the 2019 population in poverty (25% of allocation), and the proportion each LHJ contributes to the population that is Black/African American, Latinx, or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (25% of allocation). Population and race/ethnicity data are from the Department of Finance, and population in poverty are calculated using 2019 Census Estimates.

LHJ	Total	LHJ	Total
Alameda HD ¹	54,086,796	Orange	115,488,386
Alpine	1,039,587	Pasadena ²	-
Amador	2,239,091	Placer	12,177,694
Berkeley	5,805,600	Plumas	1,599,671
Butte	9,107,329	Riverside	101,417,767
Calaveras	2,396,622	Sacramento	59,781,149
Colusa	1,941,647	San Benito	3,472,678
Contra Costa	39,451,315	San Bernardino	98,066,203
Del Norte	2,108,128	San Diego	123,774,567
El Dorado	6,503,584	San Francisco	28,952,934
Fresno	50,590,289	San Joaquin	32,682,786
Glenn	2,190,179	San Luis Obispo	10,711,455
Humboldt	6,114,292	San Mateo	25,313,712
Imperial	11,470,855	Santa Barbara	19,162,899
Inyo	1,631,761	Santa Clara	62,183,150
Kern	45,144,117	Santa Cruz	11,079,439
Kings	8,389,941	Shasta	6,975,884
Lake	3,493,388	Sierra	1,102,958
Lassen	2,130,829	Siskiyou	2,578,510
Long Beach ²	-	Solano	16,415,577
Los Angeles HD ²	-	Sonoma	17,813,262
Madera	8,738,220	Stanislaus	24,639,154
Marin	8,585,474	Sutter	4,861,952
Mariposa	1,599,662	Tehama	3,506,043
Mendocino	4,433,407	Trinity	1,517,396
Merced	14,952,065	Tulare	25,547,375
Modoc	1,361,816	Tuolumne	2,685,618
Mono	1,463,197	Ventura	32,125,196
Monterey	20,479,442	Yolo	10,468,641
Napa	5,870,118	Yuba	4,115,803
Nevada	3,960,818		

Total Allocation:	1,187,497,429
Minimum Allocation:	1,039,587
Maximum Allocation:	123,774,567

1 - Alameda Health Department (HD) excludes City of Berkeley

2 - Los Angeles, including Cities of Pasadena and Long Beach, was excluded as they were separately funded by the ELC grant.