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## Legislation Text

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**DATE:** November 14, 2017

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**SUBMITTED BY:** David Pomaville, Director, Department of Public Health

**SUBJECT:** Retroactive California Oral Health Program Grant Application

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

**Retroactively authorize the Department of Public Health's submittal of a grant application in the amount of \$2,644,280 to the California Department of Public Health for funds associated with the California Oral Health Program.**

Approval of the recommended action will authorize the retroactive submission of a non-competitive grant application to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for the California Oral Health Plan (OHP) funds on September 18, 2017, contingent upon your Board's approval. If approved, the Department will utilize the funds to complete an oral health needs assessment and improvement plan.

**ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):**

There are no viable alternative actions. Should your Board not approve the recommended action, the grant application would be withdrawn.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. The release of the final agreement by the State is anticipated in December 2017. If approved, the Department will return to your Board to request that the grant funds for the five fiscal years beginning FY 2017-18, in the amount of \$2,644,280; \$528,856 per year, be accepted and to increase the appropriations and estimated revenues of the Department's Org 5620 FY 2017-18 Adopted Budget by \$528,856.

**DISCUSSION:**

OHP was established in July 2014 to improve the oral health of all Californians through prevention, education, and organized community efforts. On November 8, 2016, California voters approved the passage of Proposition 56: Cigarette Tax to Fund Healthcare, Tobacco Use Prevention, Research, and Law Enforcement (Prop 56) increasing the State cigarette tax by \$2 per pack and adding an equivalent amount on other tobacco products. The annual State budget provides OHP with the legislative authority to build capacity and infrastructure for the development, implementation, and evaluation of best practices and evidence-based programs in oral disease prevention.

To achieve the program's goals, OHP is providing Prop 56 funds for the 61 designated local health jurisdictions in California (58 county and 3 city health departments) to aide in the development or expansion of their local oral health programs. OHP hopes to create and expand capacity at the local level to educate, prevent, and provide linkages to treatment programs, including dental disease caused by the use of cigarettes and other tobacco products.

The Department intends to utilize the funds to complete an oral health needs assessment and improvement plan. The needs assessment will identify the facilitators and barriers to oral healthcare, as well as gaps in care. Implementation of the oral health improvement plan would begin in Year Two (FY 2018-19) and include evidence-based programs at target school districts and other locations to increase oral health education and administration of sealants and supplements. OHP activities will build upon current dental services provided through the County's Dental Transformation Initiative Program and target relevant stakeholders to improve upon existing strategies.

The Department was notified on August 23, 2017 of the Request for Application. The non-competitive application was submitted on September 18, 2017, to meet the deadline of September 20, 2017. The grant agreement is expected in December 2017.

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - California Oral Health Plan Grant Application

CAO ANALYST:

Sonia De La Rosa