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**Agenda Item  
Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Supervisors  
Tuesday, December 16, 2025**

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**Item Number: 1.23**

**MEETING DATE:** 12/16/2025

**DEPARTMENT:** HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

**AGENDA ITEM PREPARER:** Yolanda Beltran

**DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR:** Tracey Belton

**SUBJECT:**

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY- T. BELTON**

1. Authorize the acceptance of the second No Cost Extension (NCE) of the California Equitable Recovery Initiative (CERI) grant, Award Number: CERI-21-23-31 period from the California Department of Public Health for the period of May 31, 2023 to May 31, 2026 for an allocated amount of \$300,000.00 for addressing COVID-19 Health Disparities in San Benito County and,
2. Authorize the Chair, County Administrative Officer (CAO) or designee to sign any necessary documents pertaining to this grant on behalf of the County and,
3. Adopt the Budget Amendment Resolution for Fiscal Year 2025-26 in the amount of \$63,879.00 as remaining revenue of the grant. (4/5 vote required).

SBC FILE NUMBER: 420

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025-112

**AGENDA SECTION:**

CONSENT AGENDA

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:**

The California Equitable Recovery Initiative (CERI), a grant funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is currently in its second No Cost Extension (NCE) to continue supporting local Public Health efforts. Its primary goal is to address health disparities and their disproportionate impact on COVID-19 pandemic recovery and associated chronic conditions among high-risk and underserved populations, including rural communities.

The work accomplished through this grant has strengthened the existing infrastructure and the strategic lens through which Public Health develops interventions for San Benito County's diverse population. Key achievements include:

- Increasing and improving data collection and reporting to better identify population needs, risk levels, and access to information and care.
- Increasing the capacity to mobilize community partners.
- Honing community messaging across the population.

The grant funds one (1.0 FTE) existing Health Education Associate (HEA) position within San Benito County Public Health Services. The HEA's responsibilities include:

- Developing and leading community convenings.
- Determining community needs through key informant interviews, surveys, and analysis of referral services data.
- Providing health education and resources to disproportionately impacted communities.
- Coordinating Public Health's mobile unit outreach program.

The CERI grant serves the entire population of San Benito County, with a specific focus on high-risk and underserved residents. This includes communities in specific census tracts identified by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) as the "2nd quartile," indicating they rank as having the second least healthy conditions or highest vulnerability levels.

San Benito County's 2<sup>nd</sup> quartile census tract areas are identified as follows:

- Hollister- Downtown area
- Hollister- Calaveras School area
- Hollister - Westside Blvd/Nash Road area
- City of San Juan Bautista and San Juan Oaks area.

Examples of some of the activities provided to the San Benito County's 2<sup>nd</sup> quartile census tracts are as follows:

Mobile Unit Outreach-

Staff coordinated a mobile unit outreach to educate community members on social determinants of health and available county resources. Partnerships for this initiative include five Public Health Services programs, Community Services & Workforce Development, and the Community Food Bank of San Benito County.

- Monthly alternating locations:
  - Central Ave./Willow Dr.
  - San Juan Rd./Rajkovich Way
- Monthly: Census Tract 4

- Dunne Park
- Quarterly: Census Tract 2
  - San Juan Bautista Library
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Information Gatherings-

Staff gathered qualitative and quantitative data to determine specific community needs through surveys, listening sessions, and stakeholder interviews.

- Data collection primarily within Census Tract 4
  - Farmers market
  - Jovenes de Antaño
  - San Benito County Free Library
  - Gavilan College
  - Community Foundation Epicenter

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Due to the extended deadline for expenditures, the Department will be able to claim the remaining revenue in the amount of \$63,879.00. The Revenue Budget Line-Item number is 224.80.2453.1000.556.001 Aid from Federal Grants.

The corresponding expense Budget Line-Item numbers are in object category 224.80.2453.1000.610 (Salary and Benefits) and will fund one (1.0 FTE) existing Health Education Associate (HEA) position within San Benito County Public Health Services for approximately 6.5 months.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- [Board Agenda Fact Sheet - CERI Allocation](#)
- [Budget Amendment Resolution- CERI Grant](#)
- [CERI Allocation Letter](#)
- [CERI Allocation Letter - Grant Extension May 31 2026](#)
- [CERI Position Costs FY25-26](#)
- [San Benito CERI Y4-Q4 Spend Plan 4.15.25](#)