



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
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Item Number: 1.25

MEETING DATE: 06/24/2025

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Yolanda Beltran

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SUBJECT:

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY- T. BELTON

Authorize the acceptance of California Youth Opioid Response Project (YOR California YOR4) grant in the amount of \$399,985.00 for the period of May 01, 2025 through September 29, 2027 and allow HHSA Director to execute agreement, any supporting documentation and any future amendments. The grant is retroactive because the grantor allows for back dating/invoicing of work performed to the grant award start date of May 1, 2025.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 420

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

San Benito County Public Health (SBCPH), lead agency for the San Benito County Opioid Task Force (SBCOTF), and partner organization Central Coast Overdose Prevention (CCODP) propose a 29-month youth-driven initiative aimed at empowering young leaders—youth, transitional age youth (TAY), and young adults (YA)—in substance use prevention, harm reduction, and community education across San Benito (SBC) and Monterey (MoCo) counties. This Bi-County Youth Opioid Response and Prevention Program (BYORPP) project will focus on engaging youth with lived experience, fostering peer-led education efforts, and embedding sustainable substance use prevention resources within local schools and communities.

In Year 1 (May 2025 - September 2025), the goal is to establish a bi-county Youth Advisory Board (YAB) with at least four members from diverse backgrounds, including high schools, colleges, the criminal justice system, and youth with lived experience. The YAB will serve as a peer-driven advisory group to inform project activities. Key tasks include developing a structured YAB model integrated into SBCOTF

for sustainability, recruiting youth representatives, hosting a listening session to identify youth-driven priorities, and establishing a youth-led roadmap for future initiatives.

In Year 2 (October 2025 - September 2026), the YAB will train and empower at least 10 youth leaders to lead substance use prevention and education efforts in their communities. By September 2026, YAB members will have led at least four youth and parent listening sessions to inform tailored interventions. Key activities will include quarterly leadership training, hosting three youth-led sessions on substance use concerns, developing youth-generated social media campaigns, and partnering with two school districts to integrate the “Fentanyl High” documentary into high school health curricula.

In Year 3 (October 2026 - September 2027), the project will focus on sustainability and long-term impact. By September 2027, SBCOTF/CCODP will establish a sustainability plan to maintain youth engagement, educational resources, and community-based interventions. Activities will include embedding YAB within SBCOTF, launching and tracking a youth-led podcast series on substance use prevention, expanding CCODP’s parent support group, Window of Awareness and Hope (WoAH), into SBC, and integrating the regionally developed substance use and mental health resource guide, “Let’s Talk”, into school curricula and online platforms.

Upon award notification from the grantor (YOR), we have been required to participate in grantor onboarding sessions, budget and contract calls and review of implementation plan with assigned grantor liaison. The grantor allows for back dating/invoicing of work performed to the grant period start date of May 1, 2025. We would want to have capability to invoice for the work performed during this interim period of grant award notification and contract execution.

No additional Budget Adjustment needed since budget is available for FY24-25 expenses and the budget for FY25-26 is included in the Proposed Budget.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

RFP AND BID HISTORY:

New grant to Public Health.

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

N/A

CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):

New Grant

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

Yes

BUDGETED:

Yes

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

No

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Non-general Fund

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

No

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

224.80.2397.1000

CURRENT FY COST:

\$0.00

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[CA Youth Opioid Response Project Contract](#)
[San Benito Co- Award Letter YOR4](#)
[YOR Grant Application submitted 03.13.25](#)

