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Contra Costa County

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director

Date: July 27, 2021

Subject: Grant Agreement #28-971 with Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. (dba Heluna Health)

## **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Health Services Director, or designee, to execute on behalf of the County Grant Agreement #28-971, including indemnification, with Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc., dba Heluna Health, a corporation to pay the County in an amount not to exceed \$148,695 to perform genomic analysis on hospitalized patients as part of the California Emerging Infection Programs (CEIP) SARS-CoV-2 Surveillance Program, for the period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Approval of this agreement will result in up to \$148,695 in funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the California Emerging Infections Program through the Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. No County match is required.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Since the emergence of COVID-19 in California in January 2020, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and local public health partners have been tracking and monitoring COVID-19 cases in California and have implemented containment and mitigation efforts. COVID-19 surveillance is essential to estimate disease prevalence over

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time, throughout the state, and amount key groups at high risk for infection in order to improve containment, mitigation and prevention measures, which may vary depending	

## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

on regional COVID-19 epidemiology. Therefore, CDPH and several California local health jurisdictions, including Contra Costa County, are working with the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to initiate sentinel community surveillance for COVID-19. Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. has been designated by the CDPH to administer this funding and to provide consulting and technical assistance that will be needed to perform the required activities.

The CEIP SARS-CoV-2 Surveillance Program will be performing outreach to in-county hospitals and their affiliated laboratories positive SARS-CoV-2 specimens for hospitalized cases. This effort is being performed to better understand the viral genetic distribution and diversity in hospitalized COVID-19 cases in Contra Costa County. The Contra Costa County Public Health laboratory will perform whole genome sequencing to help support evaluation of these cases.

Approval of this Grant Agreement #28-971 will allow Contra Costa County to participate in the CEIP SARS-CoV-2 Surveillance Program, through December 31, 2021. The County is agreeing to indemnify and hold harmless the Grantor for claims arising out of the County's performance under this contract.

# CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this action is not approved, Contra Costa County would not receive funding to participate in the CEIP SARS-CoV-2 Surveillance Program.