



Contra  
Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director  
Date: October 5, 2021

Subject: Purchase Order with Clear Labs, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Health Services Director, or designee, to execute a Purchase Order with Clear Labs, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the purchase of testing reagents and kits for SARS-CoV-2 and other pandemic virus whole genome sequencing at the Contra Costa County Public Health Laboratory, for the period from September 1, 2021 through August 30, 2022.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Approval of this purchase order will result in annual expenditures of up to \$2,000,000 and funded by the United States Center for Disease Control Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) awarded grant, COVID-19 ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion (Strategy 2: Strengthen Laboratory Testing).

**BACKGROUND:**

This purchase order will consolidate previous purchase orders created throughout the year for Clear Labs, Inc. various laboratory supplies (collection kits, reagents, plastic consumables) required by the Contra Costa County Public Health Laboratory.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **10/05/2021** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: October 5, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

Contact: Ori Tzvieli, M.D.,  
925-608-5267

Whole genome sequencing of the SARS-CoV-2

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

virus in patient specimens permits determination of circulating variants within Contra Costa County. Identifying variants allows Health Services and the Public Health Department to evaluate whether certain variants are associated with increased transmission or particular patient morbidity outcomes.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this purchase order is not approved, the Contra Costa Public Health Laboratory will not be able to maintain continuous and uninterrupted ordering of much needed laboratory supplies for genome sequencing.