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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** JoAnn Melgar for Jennifer Yasumoto - Director  
Health & Human Services Administration

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**SUBJECT:** Agreement with the California Department of Public Health (California Epidemiologic Investigation Service)

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an Agreement with the California Department of Public Health for a maximum of \$90,000 for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 for the California Epidemiologic Investigation Service (Cal-EIS) Fellowship Program.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The California Department of Public Health ("CDPH") is authorized to establish California Epidemiologic Investigation Service ("Cal-EIS") Fellowship Program in accordance with Section 131090 of the Health and Safety Code. CDPH is a sponsor of the program and requires an explicit written agreement between affiliating institutions. Cal-EIS is a one to two year training program for health professionals who have at least a master's degree in a field related to public health. Training provided to the CDPH Fellow should lead to completion of competencies established by CDPH Cal-EIS and the County.

Through this Agreement, the County agrees to reimburse CDPH an amount up to \$3,750 per month, per Fellow, for the actual amounts paid by CDPH to the Cal-EIS Fellow. In previous years this Agreement funded one Cal-EIS Fellow. This year, this Agreement provides for reimbursement for two Cal-EIS Fellows for a total contract maximum of \$90,000.

### **FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?

Yes

Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Health & Human Services Public Health
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	This action is discretionary in that there is no mandate to enter into this contract. However, this Agreement will allow the Health and Human Services Agency's Public Health division to identify specific populations and geographies within the county at higher risk for poor health outcomes and will allow EMS to analyze outcomes among cardiac patients.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	This Agreement terminates on June 30, 2021. Appropriations have been included in the requested Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget.
Consequences if not approved:	Napa County Public Health will not receive additional needed epidemiological support for data collection and evaluation for Public Health's Community Health Improvement Plan, which is a requirement for Public Health accreditation. One fellow will also assist with evaluation of the Community Health Action Plan and the second fellow will be placed with Emergency Medical Services ("EMS"), and will work with the EMS Medical Director to design a study and analyze outcomes among cardiac patients.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit
Additional Information:	

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

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The mission of Cal-EIS is to prepare epidemiologists for public health leadership positions in California. Cal-EIS Fellows assist local health departments throughout California in improving the collection and analysis of community health data to address the health needs of the population. They may also assist with a variety of other essential public health functions, such as disease surveillance and program evaluation.

Napa County Health and Human Services Agency has had a Cal-EIS fellow placed within the Public Health Division since Fiscal Year 2014-2015 to help further the work of the Live Healthy Napa County collaborative in identifying specific populations and geographies within Napa County at higher risk for poor health outcomes.

Fellows have worked on detailed analysis and evaluation of neighborhood conditions that affect health and on chronic disease issues of concern, such as cancer.

This year, two Cal-EIS Fellows will be placed with Napa County Public Health for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 fellowship cycle. One fellow will continue placement with the Chronic Disease and Health Equity unit, and will assist with data collection and analysis for the Community Health Action Plan. The second fellow will be placed with Emergency Medical Services ("EMS"), and will work with the EMS Medical Director to design a study and analyze outcomes among cardiac patients. Both fellows will assist with Emergency Operations Center activities, as needed.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Ben Guerrieri