

CLARK COUNTY STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Clark County Public Health (CCPH)

CCPH SR2016-76

DATE: 4/26/16

REQUESTED ACTION:

Board of County Councilors approval for a one-time transfer from the Mental Health Sales Tax fund (fund 1033) to the Clark County Public Health fund (fund 1025) in an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000 to fund the Nurse-Family Partnership Program within Clark County Public Health.

Consent Hearing County Manager

BACKGROUND

The Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) program is a nationally-recognized evidence-based nurse home-visiting program serving low-income, first-time, high-risk mothers from early pregnancy through their child's second birthday. NFP is recognized as a key program for the reduction of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) through providing support and education focused on improving child health and development, and helping parents provide sensitive and competent care.

Clark County chose to implement NFP in 2007 because of the NFP model's strong track record in:

- overcoming health and educational disparities
- reducing and preventing:
 - substance abuse
 - child abuse, neglect, domestic violence and injuries
 - juvenile delinquency
 - alcohol and other drug use in adolescents whose families received NFP services

The goals of NFP are to:

- Improve pregnancy outcomes by helping women engage in good preventive health practices that include ensuring thorough prenatal care from their healthcare providers, improving their diets, and reducing their use of cigarettes, alcohol and other substances
- Improve child health and emotional development by helping parents provide responsible and competent care
- Help parents develop a vision for their future, continue their education, find work, and become economically self-sufficient

Many participants of the Nurse Family Partnership program are at risk of chemical dependency or mental health issues and are referred to treatment.

Clark County has invested in specialized NFP training for public health nurses (PHNs) and their manager to meet the requirements of the NFP model. The PHNs are trusted professionals who form a strong partnership with their clients, helping clients break down barriers in order to achieve financial independence and reach their life goals. CCPH's NFP program has enrolled 462 first-time moms, providing the opportunity to transform their lives and those of their children.

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NFP delivers multi-generational outcomes that prevent substance abuse, address and prevent mental health issues in the mother and child and reduce the costs of long-term social service programs. Research by the RAND Corporation estimates NFP returns up to \$5.70 for each \$1 spent on the program.

Clark County Public Health is facing a 2017-18 budget deficit of approximately \$1.5M. While the Nurse-Family Partnership is a tremendous asset to the community, without the funding requested in this staff report, Clark County Public Health will have no choice but to propose elimination of the program. Clark County Public Health management and staff have been working with a coalition of community partners to arrive at a collaborative community-based funding strategy to sustain the NFP program, beginning no later than January 1, 2018. One-time funding from the Mental Health Sales Tax Fund (fund 1033) will allow NFP to continue to function while that funding strategy is negotiated.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) is well integrated in the community. For example, NFP program staff collaborates with the school districts’ teen parent programs to ensure pregnant and parenting teens graduate. Referrals to NFP come from a wide variety of sources including prenatal care providers, Medicaid Managed care plans, juvenile justice, school nurses, GRAD Teen Parent program, and the Women, Infants and Children’s nutrition program (WIC).

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

YES	NO	
		Action falls within existing budget capacity.
		Action falls within existing budget capacity but requires a change of purpose within existing appropriation
XX		Additional budget capacity is necessary and will be requested at the next supplemental. If YES, please complete the budget impact statement. If YES, this action will be referred to the county council with a recommendation from the county manager.

BUDGET DETAILS

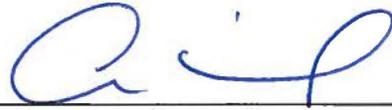
Local Fund Dollar Amount	
Grant Fund Dollar Amount	
Account	1025, Public Health Fund
Company Name	

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APPROVED: _____
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS

DATE: April 26, 2016

SR# SR 091-16

APPROVED: _____
Mark McCauley, Acting County Manager

DATE: _____

BUDGET IMPACT ATTACHMENT

Part I: Narrative Explanation

I. A – Explanation of what the request does that has fiscal impact and the assumptions for developing revenue and costing information

Part II: Estimated Revenues

Fund #/Title	Current Biennium		Next Biennium		Second Biennium	
	GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
1025 / MH Sales Tax Fund Balance		1,100,000				
Total		1,100,000				

II. A – Describe the type of revenue (grant, fees, etc.)

Part III: Estimated Expenditures

III. A – Expenditures summed up

Fund #/Title	FTE's	Current Biennium		Next Biennium		Second Biennium	
		GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
1025 / Public Health			425,000		675,000		
Total			425,000		675,000		

III. B – Expenditure by object category

Fund #/Title	Current Biennium		Next Biennium		Second Biennium	
	GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
Salary/Benefits		318,840		531,399		
Contractual						
Supplies		2,000		5,575		
Travel		3,500		7,000		
Other controllables		100,660		131,026		
Capital Outlays						
Inter-fund Transfers						
Debt Service						
Total		425,000		675,000		