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Exhibit A
Letter of Award

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TO: CALIFORNIA LOCAL HEALTH JURISDICTIONS

SUBJECT: DISEASE INTERVENTION SPECIALIST WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Branch (STDCB) is pleased to announce the availability of approximately \$10 million in Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Federal Funds starting in fiscal year (FY) 2021-22 for the support of governmental public health response to COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.

This funding opportunity is made possible through a federal grant award the CDC has issued through a supplement to PS19-1901, Strengthening STD Prevention and Control for Health Departments (STD PCHD), Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) #93.977. Counties of San Francisco and Los Angeles are separately funded under the STD PCHD grant and were not included in local health jurisdiction (LHJ) allocations described in this letter.

The overall goal of the funding is to develop, expand, train, and sustain the disease intervention specialists (DIS) workforce. Funding is intended to hire personnel to address projected jurisdictional sexually transmitted disease (STD), HIV, COVID-19, and other infectious disease prevention and response needs over the performance period. Hiring priority should be given to front-line public health workforce (DIS and DIS supervisors) with secondary focus on roles that support the success of frontline DIS response and outbreak efforts. For more information on the CDC DIS Workforce Development grant, please refer to the funding guidance at: <https://www.cdc.gov/std/funding/pchd/development-funding.html>.

Grantee activities will focus on the following key strategic targets:

- Increased capacity to conduct disease investigation
- Linkage to prevention and treatment
- Case management and oversight
- Outbreak response for STD, HIV, COVID-19 and other infectious diseases

Funding availability in subsequent fiscal years will be determined by satisfactory recipient performance and is subject to the availability of appropriated funds and federal award. These funds will be made available to support the DIS workforce development on a yearly basis from July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025. The amount of annual funding was allocated through a non-competitive formula using the [United States Census Community Resilience Estimates](#).



A summary of the DIS workforce funding allocation process, including the final annual allocation amounts for specific jurisdictions are available at: [DIS Workforce Development](#).

The funds must be used to provide allowable DIS workforce development activities at the local level. For guidance, please see Grant Activities at: [DIS Workforce Development](#).

All grantees must adhere to the Grant Activities, and any subsequent revisions, along with all instructions, policy memoranda, or directives issued by CDPH/STDCB. CDPH/STCB will make any changes and/or additions to these guidelines in writing and, whenever possible, notification of such changes shall be made 30 days prior to implementation.

In order to receive these funds, you must return the following signed documents no later than close of business, **January 31, 2022**.

- Annual budgets for calendar years 2021 through 2025
- Completed CDPH 9083 form

The documents should be e-mailed to STDLHJContracts@cdph.ca.gov and include your agency's name in the subject line when you send the email to help us to easily identify which local health jurisdiction you represent. Please note that no funds are secured until the grant is fully executed.

We look forward to collaborating with you to support this expansion of the DIS workforce. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Christine Johnson by e-mail at Christine.Johnson@cdph.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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