



**Request to Approve DCHD Acceptance of funding allocations from the state received after the December 19 Board Meeting**

Staff recommends that your board approve our acceptance of funding for state programs beginning on January 1, 2025. The total funding for this request is \$99,534.70.



**MEETING DATE:** March 13th, 2025

**STAFF PERSON RESPONSIBLE:** Michael Hill, Director, Public Health

**DESCRIPTION:** STEPP

**Option Letter # 2 2024\*0221**

**Contract Period:** 01/01/25 – 06/30/25

**Funding amount:** \$94357.00

**SUMMARY:**

This public health project serves to reduce the burden of tobacco use as well as prevent the initiation of tobacco use among Coloradans. In Colorado, tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death as well as disease, accounting for more than 5,100 deaths each year. In addition, it costs the state more than \$1.8 billion in health care expenditures as well as more than \$1 billion in lost productivity each year. The 2030 Education, Prevention and Cessation Tobacco Strategic Plan recommends taking steps to accelerate the decline in tobacco use among populations that have not equitably benefited from commercial tobacco control efforts to date. Through evidence-based, culturally responsive strategies that prevent, postpone, and treat chronic disease, improve health promotion and prevention policy, transform health care delivery, and integrate community as well as clinical care prevention efforts through creating in addition to maintaining comprehensive tobacco control programming to benefit communities in the Contractor’s catchment area. Comprehensive commercial tobacco control strategies are designed to lower the number of illnesses, disabilities, as well as fatalities caused by tobacco use. A multi-pronged approach will be used to accomplish: 1) Community education on policies that influence tobacco use/reduce health disparities; 2) Authentic community engagement to create community-specific tobacco prevention activities; 3) Promotion of culturally-tailored tobacco treatment resources; 4) Education on survey data specific to tobacco priority populations; 5) Building/maintenance of the Contractor’s tobacco subject matter expertise ; 6) Implementation of evidence-based tobacco program interventions as identified in the CDPHE-provided local public health agency framework. The goal of this health project is to promote community-based commercial tobacco control work as identified by the Tobacco Education, Prevention and Cessation Program. Funding of this project was created by Colorado Revised Statutes 25-3.5-804 that supports funding for community-based and statewide tobacco education programs designed to reduce initiation of tobacco use by youth, promote cessation of tobacco use among youth, as well as reduce exposure to secondhand smoke as well as vapor.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Request that the Board approve acceptance of the Option Letter #2

**Review:**



**MEETING DATE:** March 13, 2025

**STAFF PERSON RESPONSIBLE:** Michael Hill, Director, Public Health

**DESCRIPTION:** Pertussis

**Contract Number: 2025\*0724 AMD#1**

**Contract Period: 01/01/25 – 12/31/25**

**Funding amount: \$5177.70**

**SUMMARY:** **Project Description**  
This health project serves to better understand the occurrence in addition to the burden of pertussis in the United States plus support the development of improved control measures as a part of the Emerging Infections Program (EIP). The Enhanced Pertussis Surveillance activity in EIP serves to build on existing national data by improving completeness, quality, and augmented data collection as well as isolate collection in a defined catchment area. This project investigates pertussis cases in Douglas County in order to describe changes in epidemiology over time as well as aid in the understanding of the impact of current prevention and control strategies and evaluate pertussis vaccines both locally as well as nationally.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Request that the Board approve acceptance of the FY 2025 Pertussis.

**Review:**