



Request to Approve DCHD Acceptance of funding allocations received after the September 2025 Board Meeting

Staff recommends that your board approve our acceptance of funding for programs beginning on July 1, September 1 and October 1, 2025. The total funding for this request is \$538,751.75. Please see attachment for details.



MEETING DATE: December 10th, 2025

STAFF PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Michael Hill, Director, Public Health

DESCRIPTION: Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)

Contract Number: 2026*0020 Amendment #3

Contract Period: 07/1/25-06/30/26

Funding amount: \$82,305

SUMMARY: The Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grant is a federally funded program that supports state, local, tribal, and territorial public health agencies in building and strengthening their ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from public health emergencies. Administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the grant focuses on enhancing emergency response capabilities, such as disease surveillance, medical countermeasures, risk communication, and community resilience. PHEP funding helps public health agencies develop plans, conduct training and exercises, and coordinate with emergency management and healthcare partners to protect communities from health threats, including natural disasters, infectious disease outbreaks, and bioterrorism.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Request that the Board approve acceptance of the SFY 2026 PHEP Program

Review:



MEETING DATE: December 10th, 2025

STAFF PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Michael Hill, Director, Public Health

DESCRIPTION: Core Immunization Services

Contract Number: 2026*0099 OL#4

Contract Period: 09/22/25-06/30/26

Funding amount: \$91,950

SUMMARY: This project aims to maintain immunization awareness and increase vaccination rates across Colorado. Local Public Health Agencies (LPHAs) will ensure the delivery of core immunization services in accordance with established best practices and standards, with the goal of improving the health of individuals and communities. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is working to address potentially life-threatening diseases and reduce associated risks. The project supports LPHAs through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program and establishes a coordinated infrastructure aligned with national immunization standards.

Additionally, the project provides Section 317 vaccines at no cost to eliminate financial barriers for uninsured adults. It also combats anti-vaccination attitudes and beliefs by engaging communities and delivering targeted education within the service area. Healthcare providers and school-based settings are encouraged to utilize the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS) and contribute to this centralized system by entering immunization data. Ultimately, the project seeks to bring together the public and health professionals to reduce mortality and morbidity from vaccine-preventable diseases and to protect the health of all Coloradans.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Request that the Board approve acceptance of the SFY 2026 OL#4 Immunization Program

Review:



MEETING DATE: December 10th, 2025

STAFF PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Michael Hill, Director, Public Health

DESCRIPTION: Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Grant

Contract Number: 2023-2856 OL#2 / 2023-2856 AM#3

Contract Period: 10/1/25-06/30/26 OL#2 / 12/1/2025-9/30/26 AM#3

Funding amount: \$48,100.75

SUMMARY: The Maternal and Child Health (MCH) grant is a federally funded program under Title V of the Social Security Act that supports state and local efforts to improve the health and well-being of mothers, infants, children, and adolescents, including those with special healthcare needs. Administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the grant funds initiatives that address key public health priorities such as prenatal care, infant mortality reduction, child development, and access to healthcare services. MCH programs focus on prevention, early intervention, and community-based strategies to promote healthy outcomes for families.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Request that the Board approve acceptance of the SFY26 MCH Grant

Review:



MEETING DATE: December 10th, 2025

STAFF PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Michael Hill, Director, Public Health

DESCRIPTION: EQIT (Expanding Quality for Infant/Toddler) GAE

Contract Number: CT GG1 QAAA 2026-118 / GAE QAAA 2026-145

Contract Period: 07/1/25-06/30/26

Funding amount: \$70,575

SUMMARY: The Douglas County Public Health, through the Douglas County Early Childhood Council (DCECC), fosters collaboration among public and private partners to build a coordinated system of early childhood services for children ages five and under. This Statement of Work aligns with State Department priorities to enhance the quality, accessibility, and consistency of early childhood programs, focusing on three key grant areas: Systems Building (SB), Colorado Shines Quality Improvement (CSQI) Supports, and Expanding Quality for Infant/Toddler Care (EQIT). The CSQI component emphasizes strengthening the Colorado Shines Quality Rating and Improvement System by increasing program engagement to 60% (Level 2 or higher), expanding access to high-quality care for families receiving childcare subsidies, and boosting the number of communities offering Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) slots in quality-rated programs (Levels 3–5). Additionally, DCECC promotes the Colorado Shines system and Early Learning and Development Guidelines monthly to drive continuous quality improvement across Douglas County’s early childhood network.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Request that the Board approve acceptance of the SFY 2026 CSQI Grant

Review:



MEETING DATE: December 10th, 2025

STAFF PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Michael Hill, Director, Public Health

DESCRIPTION: Colorado Shines Quality Improvement (CSQI)

Contract Number: CT GG1 QAAA 2026-118 / GAE QAAA 2026-145

Contract Period: 07/1/25-06/30/26

Funding amount: \$196,240

SUMMARY: The Douglas County Public Health, through the Douglas County Early Childhood Council (DCECC), fosters collaboration among public and private partners to build a coordinated system of early childhood services for children ages five and under. This Statement of Work aligns with State Department priorities to enhance the quality, accessibility, and consistency of early childhood programs, focusing on three key grant areas: Systems Building (SB), Colorado Shines Quality Improvement (CSQI) Supports, and Expanding Quality for Infant/Toddler Care (EQIT). The CSQI component emphasizes strengthening the Colorado Shines Quality Rating and Improvement System by increasing program engagement to 60% (Level 2 or higher), expanding access to high-quality care for families receiving childcare subsidies, and boosting the number of communities offering Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) slots in quality-rated programs (Levels 3–5). Additionally, DCECC promotes the Colorado Shines system and Early Learning and Development Guidelines monthly to drive continuous quality improvement across Douglas County’s early childhood network.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Request that the Board approve acceptance of the SFY 2026 GAE CSQI Grant

Review:



MEETING DATE: December 10th, 2025

STAFF PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Michael Hill, Director, Public Health

DESCRIPTION: Buell Foundation Private Grant

Contract Number:

Contract Period: 09/1/25-08/31/26

Funding amount: \$40,000

SUMMARY: The Buell Foundation has awarded private grant funding to the Douglas County Health Department in support of early childhood and health-linked initiatives, reflecting the agency's capacity as a government entity eligible under Buell's "government entity" clause. In leveraging these funds, Douglas County Health Department has utilized Buell's resources to strengthen programs targeting children from birth to age five (or associated health/education linkages), improve evaluation, expand service quality, or drive system-level change in Douglas County.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Request that the Board approve acceptance of the SFY26 Buell Foundation Private Grant

Review:



MEETING DATE: December 10th, 2025

STAFF PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Michael Hill, Director, Public Health

DESCRIPTION: DCHD Firearm Storage Mini-Grant

Contract Number: N/A

Contract Period: 12/1/25-06/30/26

Funding amount: \$9,581

SUMMARY:

Douglas County has seen an increased risk and upward trend in the number of youth (typically males) and men in the County who die by suicide using a firearm. As part of larger suicide prevention efforts in the County (including the development of a new suicide prevention workgroup), Douglas County Health Department (DCHD) will purchase firearm storage devices and locking mechanisms to distribute to individuals and families in need at community events and at the Health Department's building upon request. DCHD will partner with law enforcement agencies and the Mental Health Division to share messaging around the availability of safe storage devices for residents. Items will be purchased by June 30, 2026 and will be distributed throughout the remainder of the year at scheduled events that DCHD is participating in.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Request that the Board approve acceptance of the FY 2026 DCHD Firearm Storage Mini-Grant

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