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## RE: CDC Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems Grant

Dear Dr. Aragon,

The California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) support the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) application for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) grant opportunity Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems.

CDPH's grant funding proposal seeks to bolster California's public health workforce, foundational capabilities, and data and information technology systems. Of note, CDPH proposes to allocate 40 percent of Strategy A1: Workforce funds to local health jurisdictions throughout the state to enhance critical public health workforce efforts, including recruiting, hiring, retaining, and training local health department personnel.

The investment offered through the CDC Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems Grant stands to increase workforce capacity at the local level, enhance public health personnel skills and expertise, and bolster public health preparedness and response capabilities throughout our state.

CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), other departments, boards, commissions, and officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature, and other organizations on all matters affecting health. CCLHO membership consists of all legally appointed physician health officers in California's 61 city and county jurisdictions.

Sincerely,

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