

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY**

DEPT: Health Services Agency

BOARD AGENDA: 5.B.10  
AGENDA DATE: May 22, 2018

**SUBJECT:**

Approval to Apply for, Enter into and Sign Grant Agreements for the Naloxone Distribution Grant for Emergency Treatment of Opioid Overdose

**BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-0240**

On motion of Supervisor Withrow, Seconded by Supervisor Chiesa  
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Chiesa, Withrow, Monteith, and Chairman DeMartini


Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: Olsen

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

- 1)  Approved as recommended
- 2)  Denied
- 3)  Approved as amended
- 4)  Other:

**MOTION:**

ATTEST:   
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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CONSENT:

CEO CONCURRENCE: YES

4/5 Vote Required: No

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Authorize the Managing Director of the Health Services Agency, or designee, to apply for, and if awarded enter into and sign the grant agreements for the Naloxone Distribution Grant for Emergency Treatment of Opioid Overdose.

**DISCUSSION:**

Senate Bill (SB) 833 (Chapter 30, Statutes of 2016) established a Naloxone Grant Program within the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) with the goal of reducing the number of fatal overdoses in California from opioid drugs, including prescription opioids and heroin, by increasing access to the life-saving drug Naloxone. To comply with SB 833, CDPH established a non-competitive Request for Application process and offer grants of Naloxone product (Narcan nasal spray) and funding for grant administration to all 61 local health departments in California. As recipients of the Naloxone product, local health departments will provide the product to local programs, agencies and community-based organizations (local entities) within their jurisdictions that have Naloxone distribution systems and are best positioned to save lives from opioid overdose.

Drug overdose (poisoning) is the leading cause of unintentional injury death in the United States, causing more deaths than motor vehicle crashes. Opioids - both prescription painkillers and heroin - are responsible for most of those deaths. The number of Californians affected by prescription and non-prescription opioid misuse and overdose is substantial, with rates varying significantly across counties. Stanislaus County had 14 opioid overdose deaths in 2016, and there are an estimated 2,500-3,400 people with opioid use disorder (OUD) in the county without local access to overdose treatment. The Naloxone Grant will help address the gap in available treatment within Stanislaus County.

According to the California Department of Public Health, "Naloxone, more commonly known as Narcan, is a medication that is used to immediately reverse an overdose from opioid usage. It has few known adverse effects, no potential for abuse, and can be

rapidly administered by nasal spray. While most professional first-responders and emergency departments are equipped with Narcan, emergency service providers may not arrive in time to revive overdose victims. Therefore, this program is designed to allow for bystanders such as friends, family, and other non-health care providers (lay people) as well as drug users themselves to effectively respond to and reverse an opioid overdose.”

A required component of the grant is the development of a distribution plan for the Narcan nasal spray within 60 days after the grant agreement is executed between CDPH and Stanislaus County. Public Health has identified potential local entities that are ready and qualified to distribute/administer the Naloxone (Narcan) including substance use disorder treatment services, homeless shelter programs and emergency medical services. Other local entities may be identified as the distribution plan is finalized. The selection of local entities to receive Naloxone will be based on the level of risk of overdose among the population(s) the entities serve and the need for the Naloxone (Narcan). Public Health would begin distributing the Narcan to the local entities within 90 days after receiving the final grant approval from CDPH.

Within the grant application process, CDPH identified the funding allocation for each local health department. Stanislaus County is identified to receive 1,122 doses of the Narcan nasal spray valued at \$42,100.

**POLICY ISSUE:**

CDPH requires Stanislaus County to include an original copy of the Board Resolution authorizing execution of the grant agreement with the grant application.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

In addition to the product, Stanislaus County will receive \$2,105 to help with administrative costs for establishing the distribution for the Narcan nasal spray and providing the required reporting back to the State. The funding will be incorporated into the Public Health Administration budget for expenses related to the administration of this grant.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ PRIORITY:**

The recommended actions are consistent with the Boards’ priority of *Supporting Community Health* by potentially saving lives of Stanislaus County citizens.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

Existing county staff will implement all requirements of the grant program.

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