

# CLARK COUNTY STAFF REPORT

**DEPARTMENT:** Clark County Public Health (CCPH)

CCPH SR2015-1568

**DATE:** October 6, 2015

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Board of County Councilors' (BOCC) approval to add a 1.0 FTE Program Coordinator II position to hire for the Infection Prevention Liaison required by CCPH participation in a Statewide pilot program for a Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ)-Infection Prevention Liaison. Participation in this three-year pilot was approved by the BOCC on 6/23/2015, BOCC SR129-15. This position will be funded by grant funds awarded to CCPH by the Washington State Department of Health.

XX Consent    \_\_\_ Hearing    \_\_\_ County Manager

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**BACKGROUND**

CCPH has been awarded grant funding to participate in a Statewide pilot:

This is a Washington State Department of Health pilot of an LHJ-Infection Prevention Liaison Program. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) approved funding for Infection Prevention Consultants will provide outreach services to healthcare facilities within the geographical boundaries of the participating Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ). The liaisons will be employees of the participating LHJ. Additionally, they will work closely with the Washington State Department of Health's Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) Program.

This funding intends to enhance infection prevention capacity across Washington State. Infection prevention programs in healthcare facilities are often times understaffed and in dire need of resources. This funding will enhance infection prevention capacity through the provision of additional infection prevention experts in the state and local public health domains.

The specific job responsibilities of the Infection Prevention Consultants will be to:

- Assess infection prevention capacity of healthcare facilities located within the LHJ-jurisdiction or region.
- Conduct site visits to healthcare facilities. The LHJ-based Infection Prevention Consultants will focus site visits in non-hospital settings (e.g., ambulatory care, long-term care facilities).
- Develop educational tools for healthcare facilities.
- Assist healthcare facilities with outbreak investigations and general infection prevention inquiries.
- Collaborate with the Washington State Department of Health and Infection Prevention/Quality Organizations.



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**COUNCIL POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Participation in the LHJ-Infection Prevention Liaison Program will provide CCPH with the technical expertise required to assess the infection prevention capacity of our health care facilities. The need assessment findings will inform the design of an outreach strategy targeting our health care partners, particularly those identified as having limited infection prevention capacity. Toolkits will also be created with the aim of building infection prevention capacity amongst our partners. CCPH has created a robust network of local and regional partners specifically dedicated to preventing communicable diseases. These partnerships will be leveraged to facilitate site visits, assess capacity, identify gaps, and pilot educational tools.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

| YES | NO |  |
|-----|----|--|
|     |    | Action falls within existing budget capacity.  |
|     |    | Action falls within existing budget capacity but requires a change of purpose within existing appropriation  |
| XX  |    | Additional budget capacity is necessary and will be requested at the next supplemental. If YES, please complete the budget impact statement. If YES, this action will be referred to the county council with a recommendation from the county manager. |

**BUDGET DETAILS**

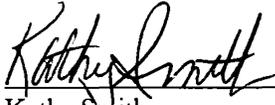
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| Local Fund Dollar Amount |  |
| Grant Fund Dollar Amount | \$414,000                              |
| Account                  | <b>Public Health</b>                   |
| Company Name             | Washington State, Department of Health |

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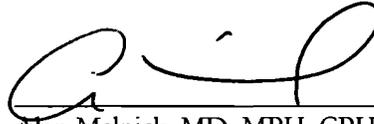
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APPROVED:   
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS

DATE: 10/6/15

SR# SR 188-15

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark McCauley, Acting County Manager

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## BUDGET IMPACT ATTACHMENT

### Part I: Narrative Explanation

I. A – Explanation of what the request does that has fiscal impact and the assumptions for developing revenue and costing information.

Creation of a new position to complete the grant deliverables (grant requirements).

### Part II: Estimated Revenues

| Fund #/Title   | Current Biennium |                | Next Biennium |                | Second Biennium |       |
|--|------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-------|
|  | GF               | Total          | GF            | Total          | GF              | Total |
| 1025 / Federal Healthcare Associated Infection grant funds |                  | 114,887        |               | 160,842        |                 |       |
|  |                  |                |               |                |                 |       |
|  |                  |                |               |                |                 |       |
| <b>Total</b>   |                  | <b>114,887</b> |               | <b>160,842</b> |                 |       |

II. A – Describe the type of revenue (grant, fees, etc.)

This is a Federal grant.

### Part III: Estimated Expenditures

III. A – Expenditures summed up

| Fund #/Title         | FTE's      | Current Biennium |                | Next Biennium |                | Second Biennium |       |
|----------------------|------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-------|
|                      |            | GF               | Total          | GF            | Total          | GF              | Total |
| 1025 / Public Health | 1.0        |                  | 114,887        |               | 160,842        |                 |       |
|                      |            |                  |                |               |                |                 |       |
|                      |            |                  |                |               |                |                 |       |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>1.0</b> |                  | <b>114,887</b> |               | <b>160,842</b> |                 |       |

III. B – Expenditure by object category

| Fund #/Title         | Current Biennium |                | Next Biennium |                | Second Biennium |       |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-------|
|                      | GF               | Total          | GF            | Total          | GF              | Total |
| Salary/Benefits      |                  | 114,887        |               | 160,842        |                 |       |
| Contractual          |                  |                |               |                |                 |       |
| Supplies             |                  |                |               |                |                 |       |
| Travel               |                  |                |               |                |                 |       |
| Other controllables  |                  |                |               |                |                 |       |
| Capital Outlays      |                  |                |               |                |                 |       |
| Inter-fund Transfers |                  |                |               |                |                 |       |
| Debt Service         |                  |                |               |                |                 |       |
| <b>Total</b>         |                  | <b>114,887</b> |               | <b>160,842</b> |                 |       |