



BOARD LETTER:
AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF LABASPIRE PUBLIC HEALTH
EQUITY AND READINESS OPPORTUNITY (HERO) INITIATIVE
FELLOWSHIP GRANT AGREEMENT AND FUNDING

Epidemiology and Immunizations Services Branch

Public Health Laboratory

June 6, 2023



PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY



Mission Statement: Providing quality laboratory services to protect community health and prevent the spread of disease.

- The Public Health Laboratory (PHL) works in conjunction with public health clinics, local hospitals and healthcare providers, the Public Health Service's Epidemiology Unit, Tuberculosis Control and Refugee Health Branch, and the Department of Environmental Health and Quality.
- By analyzing clinical and environmental samples, the PHL participates in the core activities of surveillance, assessment, and assurance.



LABASPIRE PUBLIC HEALTH EQUITY AND READINESS OPPORTUNITY FELLOWSHIP GRANT



California has ongoing Public Health Laboratory (PHL) personnel shortages and need to increase PHL workforce training programs.



The California Department of Public Health, Center for Laboratory Sciences is implementing the Public Health Equity and Readiness Opportunity Initiative also known as the LabAspire Fellowship Program



Grant award notice received on February 24, 2023

LABASPIRE PUBLIC HEALTH EQUITY AND READINESS OPPORTUNITY FELLOWSHIP GRANT



Fiscal Year
2023-2024

\$62,650

Fiscal Year
2024-2025

\$321,448

LAB ASPIRE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



- Sponsored by:
 - California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
 - Office of the State Public Health Laboratory Director (OSPHLD),
 - CDPH Laboratory Field Services (LFS)
 - California Association of Public Health Laboratory Directors (CAPHLD)
- Trains and prepares qualified professionals to direct local California Public Health Laboratories

BENEFITS AND OUTCOMES



- The additional education and training provided through this grant funding allows our County Public Health Laboratory to enhance its workforce by providing the tools for current qualified staff to increase their knowledge and skills to become a better leader for staff and overall public health processes.
- Our current Public Health Laboratory Director is a recent LabAspire graduate and fellow.



RECOMMENDATIONS



Authorize the acceptance of \$384,098 from the California Department of Public Health, for the Public Health Equity and Readiness Opportunity LabAspire Fellowship grant allocation for the period of July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2025

Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to apply for additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, to support the continuing education and training of lab personnel

ACCEPT LABASPIRE HERO GRANT AND FUNDING



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