# ITEM #XX: AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT FUNDING TO ADDRESS SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS AND APPLY FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

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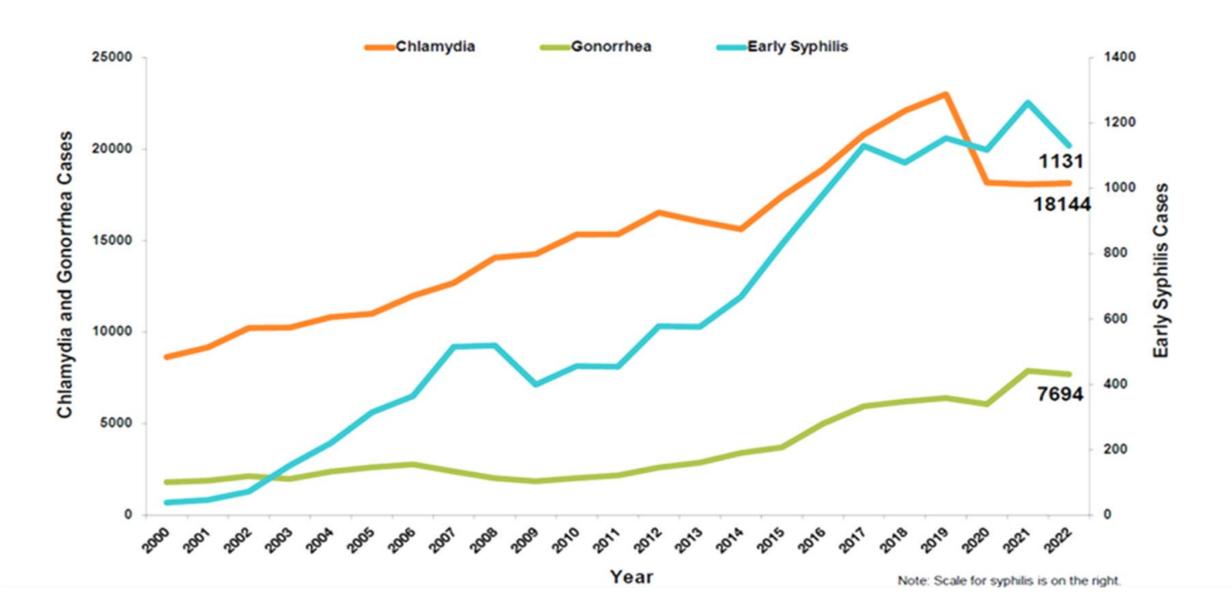




# Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Early Syphilis Cases, San Diego County, 2000-2022







### **County Services**





Sexual Health Clinics

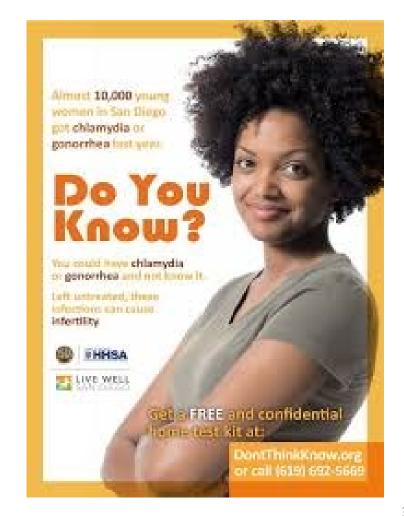
Don't Think, Know

Take Me Home

Chlamydia Screening Program

Disease Investigation & Intervention

Surveillance



## **Congenital Syphilis**





- Congenital syphilis rates have increased by 1,500% in California between 2012 and 2021.
- Congenital syphilis can lead to premature birth, birth defects, low birth weight, fetal demise, still birth and infant death shortly after birth.
- Congenital syphilis is entirely preventable through timely treatment of the pregnant individual.



# **Funding Overview**





#### **Grant Amount:**

• \$2,164,638

#### Funder:

 California Department of Public Health

#### Term:

• July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026.



### Recommendations





- 1. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of grant applications and full-cost recovery of grants.
- 2. Authorize the acceptance of \$2,164,638 from the California Department of Public Health STI Control Branch for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026, for State Local Assistance Funding, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to execute all required grant documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments or revisions that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
- 3. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to apply for additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, for STI testing and prevention resources.

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