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CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION BRANCH PROGRAM LETTER 2026-01

TO: HEALTH OFFICERS
LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS
CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM
COORDINATORS
DIRECTORS OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

SUBJECT: CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM FUNDING
ALLOCATIONS FOR FISCAL YEARS 26-27 & 27-28

PURPOSE

This program letter relays the funding allocation available to California local health jurisdictions (LHJs) for administering a local Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) for state fiscal years (FYs) 26/27 - 27/28 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028). Per California Health and Safety Code Section 105301, the program's funding allocation is developed to reflect the most recent data for the number of children with elevated blood lead levels in each jurisdiction. For this funding cycle, the program also considered funding stability for LHJs.

Funding will be provided through a Subvention Local Assistance Agreement. CLPPPs will continue to be evaluated for execution of programmatic requirements. This contract intends to reduce administrative burden, align programmatic outcomes with available resources, and improve lead screening and timely case management efforts. In recognition of the incredible diversity across and among jurisdictions, contractors will create and implement strategies for outreach and prevention that will be most effective within their communities.

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FUNDING FORMULA

The current funding formula is based on previous funding cycle allocations and program implementation experience. LHJs will receive whichever amount is larger: the previous allocation or previous spending. LHJ allocations using this formula were adjusted to meet the total funds available. LHJs receiving the base allocation only are excluded from the adjustment. Funding is contingent on annual state budget allocations.

FUNDING DESCRIPTIONS AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES

Standard Services:

Funds are available for primary and secondary prevention activities which may include:

- Case management and environmental services related to case investigation including identifying lead hazards that are sources of exposure for poisoned children.
- Outreach and educational activities with providers and communities to prevent lead poisoning and improve rates of blood lead screening of all children at risk for lead exposure.
- Enforcement activities related to cases, and prevention activities related to tips and complaints.

Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Matching Funds:

The Medi-Cal Lead Program is a federal match program under Title XIX of the Social Security Act. The LHJ allocation may be augmented with Medi-Cal FFP matching funds. If the LHJ's Medi-Cal expenditures exceed the FFP amount upon invoicing, the LHJ's CLPP funds may supplement the cost.

KEY DATES

Below are key dates for the CDPH CLPPB contracting process and associated training.

Event	Timeline
Program Letter Release	January 21, 2026
SOW and contract package delivery	January 21, 2026

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CLPPB application office hours	January 21 – February 13, 2026
Application Proposal due to CDPH	February 13, 2026
Application Review CDPH*	February 13 – February 24, 2026
DGS Review*	February 24 – March 24, 2026
LHJ Review and Board Signature*	April 1 – June 26, 2026
Contract Start Date	July 1, 2026

* Review Timelines are approximate

Due to the expedited nature of the timeline above CLPPB understands there may be difficulties receiving board signature within the timeframe above. CLPPB staff will work with applicants to accelerate delivery whenever possible. CLPPB staff will offer office hours to answer questions on the application package.

Application Submission Process

Submit one (1) copy of the attached application package by email to:
2026RFA@cdph.ca.gov

Thank you for your continued strong partnership in the prevention, detection, and management of childhood lead poisoning within our state.



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