



# Grants Report

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County Executive Office/Legislative Affairs

February 24, 2026

Item No: 22

## County of Orange Report on Grant Applications/Awards

*The Grants Report is a condensed list of grant requests by County Agencies/Departments that allows the Board of Supervisors to discuss and approve grant submittals in one motion at a Board meeting. County policy dictates that the Board of Supervisors must approve all grant applications prior to submittal to the grantor. This applies to grants of all amounts, as well as to new grants and those that have been received by the County for many years as part of an ongoing grant. Receipt of grants \$50,000 or less is delegated to the County Executive Officer. Grant awards greater than \$50,000 must be presented to the Board of Supervisors for receipt of funds. This report allows for better tracking of county grant requests, the success rate of our grants, and monitoring of County's grants activities. It also serves to inform Orange County's Sacramento and Washington, D.C. advocates of County grant activities involving the State or Federal Governments.*

On February 24, 2026, the Board of Supervisors will consider the following actions:

### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approve grant applications/awards as proposed and other actions as recommended.

### ACTION ITEMS:

1. Receive and File Grants Report
2. Approve Grant Application – Health Care Agency – Proposition 36 Behavioral Health Implementation and Funding – \$4,703,692.20
3. Approve Grant Application – Health Care Agency – Evaluation of Molecular Detection Methods for Treponema Pallidum or Genital Ulcer Disease – \$40,000
4. Approve Grant Award – Health Care Agency – California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) State General Fund Innovation 3.0 Project – \$340,962
5. Approve Grant Application – OC Community Resources – AARP Community Challenge / Ready Together – Wildfire Preparedness for Older Adults – \$15,000
6. Approve Grant Award – OC Community Resources – Lunch at the Library Summer 2026 – \$80,569
7. Adopt Resolution – OC Waste & Recycling – WHALE TAIL Grant

If you or your staff have any questions or require additional information on any of the items in this report, please contact Andrea Foster at (714) 834-2009.



## CEO-Legislative Affairs Office Grant Authorization eForm

### GRANT APPLICATION / GRANT AWARD

<b>Today's Date:</b>	February 18, 2026
<b>Requesting Agency/Department:</b>	Health Care Agency
<b>Grant Name and Project Title:</b>	PROPOSITION 36 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING
<b>Sponsoring Organization/ Grant Source:</b> <small>(If the grant source is not a government entity, please provide a brief description of the organization/foundation)</small>	California Department of Health Care Services
<b>Application Amount Requested:</b>	\$4,703,692.20
<b>Application Due Date:</b>	February 27, 2026
<b>Board Date when Board Approved this Application:</b>	N/A
<b>Awarded Funding Amount:</b>	N/A
<b>Notification Date of Funding Awarded:</b>	January 22, 2026
<b>Is this an Authorized Retroactive Grant Application/Award?</b> No	
<b>Recurrence of Grant:</b>	No
<b>If this is a recurring grant, please list the funding amount applied for and awarded in the past:</b>	N/A
<b>Does this grant require CEQA findings?</b>	No
<b>What Type of Grant is this?</b>	<b>Application</b> - Non Competitive
<b>County Match?</b>	Yes
<b>How will the County Match be fulfilled?</b> <small>(Please include the specific budget)</small>	A 25% match requirement applies only to the portion of funds used for treatment services. HCA will provide a match from Opioid Settlement and Realignment funds.
<b>Will the grant/program create new part or full-time positions?</b>	Yes
<b>Will this grant support a new or existing program?</b>	Existing
<b>Purpose of Grant Funds:</b>	Provide summary and brief background on why the Board of Supervisors should accept this grant application/award, and how the grant will be implemented.

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), through Sierra Health Foundation: Center for Health Program Management, is providing a one-time allocation authorized under Proposition 36 and the Budget Act of 2024 (AB 102). Proposition 36, approved by voters in November 2024, created a treatment-focused alternative for individuals with multiple drug-related convictions. This funding helps counties implement these provisions by strengthening behavioral health systems and expanding access to court-mandated treatment.

Grant funds must be used for:

1. Planning and Capacity Building (at least 50%) – Activities such as hiring and training staff, developing policies and procedures, upgrading IT systems (including electronic health records), improving data reporting and case tracking, and capital investments for housing and treatment facilities.
2. Behavioral Health Treatment Services (up to 50%) – Non-reimbursable treatment services for individuals in Proposition 36 programs, subject to a 25% local match requirement.

Funds cannot be used for services covered by Medi-Cal, Medicare, Veterans Benefits, or commercial insurance, nor to replace existing county funding obligations.

Approval for the Health Care Agency to apply for the \$4,703,692.20 allocation by February 27, 2026, and execute the required agreements will strengthen treatment infrastructure and fulfill statutory obligations under AB 102 and Proposition 36 in the County.

<b>Board Resolution Required?</b>	No
<b>Deputy County Counsel Name:</b>	
<b>Recommended Action(s)</b> (Please specify below)	
<p>1. Authorize the Health Care Agency Director, or designee, to submit an application to Sierra Health Foundation: Center for Health Program Management, acting on behalf of the California Department of Health Care Services, for Proposition 36 Implementation Funding under AB 102 in the amount of \$4,703,692.20.</p> <p>2. Authorize the Health Care Agency Director, or designee, to sign and execute the Agreement and related documents for this allocation and to make such future amendments thereto that do not change the Agreement amount by more than 10% of the original amount and/or make immaterial, ministerial changes to the Agreement.</p>	
<b>Department Contact:</b>	List the name and contact information (telephone, email) of the person to be contacted for further information.
Ian Kemmer 714-834-2160 ikemmer@ochca.com	
<b>Name of individual attending the Board Meeting:</b>	List the name of the individual who will be attending the Board Meeting for this Grant item:
Ian Kemmer	



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### GRANT APPLICATION / GRANT AWARD

<b>Today's Date:</b>	February 18, 2026
<b>Requesting Agency/Department:</b>	Health Care Agency
<b>Grant Name and Project Title:</b>	Evaluation of Molecular Detection Methods for Treponema Pallidum or Genital Ulcer Disease
<b>Sponsoring Organization/ Grant Source:</b> <small>(If the grant source is not a government entity, please provide a brief description of the organization/foundation)</small>	Association of Public Health Laboratories
<b>Application Amount Requested:</b>	\$40,000
<b>Application Due Date:</b>	February 27, 2026
<b>Board Date when Board Approved this Application:</b>	N/A
<b>Awarded Funding Amount:</b>	N/A
<b>Notification Date of Funding Awarded:</b>	N/A
<b>Is this an Authorized Retroactive Grant Application/Award?</b> No	
<b>Recurrence of Grant:</b>	No
<b>If this is a recurring grant, please list the funding amount applied for and awarded in the past:</b>	N/A
<b>Does this grant require CEQA findings?</b>	No
<b>What Type of Grant is this?</b>	<b>Application</b> - Competitive
<b>County Match?</b>	No
<b>How will the County Match be fulfilled?</b> <small>(Please include the specific budget)</small>	N/A
<b>Will the grant/program create new part or full-time positions?</b>	No
<b>Will this grant support a new or existing program?</b>	New
<b>Purpose of Grant Funds:</b>	Provide summary and brief background on why the Board of Supervisors should accept this grant application/award, and how the grant will be implemented.
These grant funds will support development of a multiplex test by providing funding to purchase reagents, procure specimens for evaluation, updating laboratory information management systems (LIMS), and training for staff.	
<b>Board Resolution Required?</b>	No

<b>Deputy County Counsel Name:</b>	
<b>Recommended Action(s)</b> (Please specify below)	
<p>The Health Care Agency requests that the Board of Supervisors:</p> <p>1) Authorize the Health Care Agency to apply for this grant award, and delegate authority to the Health Care Agency Director, or designee, to sign and execute the application and/or any documents related to this application.</p> <p>2) Accept the grant funding award from Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) and US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention (DSTDP) for the term of April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027, in the amount of \$40,000.</p> <p>3) Authorize the Health Care Agency Director, or designee, to execute the Grant Award Agreement, upon review and approval by County Counsel, and delegate authority to the Health Care Agency Director, or designee, to sign and execute the Acceptance of Award, Agreement and/or any documents related to this award, and to make such future amendments thereto that do not change the Agreement amount by more than 10% of the original amount and/or make immaterial, ministerial changes to the Agreement.</p>	
<b>Department Contact:</b>	List the name and contact information (telephone, email) of the person to be contacted for further information.
Dr. Veronica Kelley 714-834-7024 vkelley@ochca.com Jenna Sarin 714-834-4099 jsarin@ochca.com	
<b>Name of individual attending the Board Meeting:</b>	List the name of the individual who will be attending the Board Meeting for this Grant item:
Jenna Sarin	



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### GRANT APPLICATION / GRANT AWARD

<b>Today's Date:</b>	February 18, 2026
<b>Requesting Agency/Department:</b>	Health Care Agency
<b>Grant Name and Project Title:</b>	California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) State General Fund Innovation 3.0 Project
<b>Sponsoring Organization/ Grant Source:</b> <small>(If the grant source is not a government entity, please provide a brief description of the organization/foundation)</small>	California Department of Public Health (CDPH)/Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division
<b>Application Amount Requested:</b>	\$590,000
<b>Application Due Date:</b>	Ongoing
<b>Board Date when Board Approved this Application:</b>	October 14, 2025
<b>Awarded Funding Amount:</b>	\$340,962
<b>Notification Date of Funding Awarded:</b>	January 30, 2026
<b>Is this an Authorized Retroactive Grant Application/Award?</b> No	
<b>Recurrence of Grant:</b>	No
<b>If this is a recurring grant, please list the funding amount applied for and awarded in the past:</b>	N/A
<b>Does this grant require CEQA findings?</b>	No
<b>What Type of Grant is this?</b>	<b>Award</b> - Competitive
<b>County Match?</b>	No
<b>How will the County Match be fulfilled?</b> <small>(Please include the specific budget)</small>	N/A
<b>Will the grant/program create new part or full-time positions?</b>	No
<b>Will this grant support a new or existing program?</b>	Existing
<b>Purpose of Grant Funds:</b>	Provide summary and brief background on why the Board of Supervisors should accept this grant application/award, and how the grant will be implemented.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) offered a grant award to implement innovative home visiting or home visiting related programs/projects with a focus on meeting a locally identified challenge in providing relevant, responsive, well-integrated home visiting services to pregnant and parenting families in their communities. Projects focus on public health strategies to improve support to evidenced-based home visiting models not otherwise funded by CDPH/CHVP. The Community and Nursing Services Division's (CNSD) proposed project to fund Public Health Nurses to provide home visitation and case management services focusing on perinatal stabilization for pregnant or post-partum clients experiencing substance use

disorder (SUD) was accepted and selected to be awarded funds from the grant. The CHVP project duration is for three years, FYs 2026-2029, with grant funds allocated annually. The goal of the project is to stabilize impacted clients and serve as the liaison to continue implementation of the Family Wellness Plans (Plans of Safe Care) within the different hospital systems within Orange County. The Public Health Nurses will provide short-term case management connecting and linking clients to SUD services, providing assessments to mother and child addressing factors that impact health, and providing other critical interventions and referrals to community services. CNSD is experienced in providing home visitation to the MCAH populations through CNSD programs serving pregnant and parenting women, and children ages birth to three years. This grant will allow CNSD to expand services to improve the system level work of Family Wellness Plans/Plans of Safe Care.

<b>Board Resolution Required?</b>	No
<b>Deputy County Counsel Name:</b>	
<b>Recommended Action(s)</b> (Please specify below)	
<p>The Health Care Agency requests that the Board of Supervisors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Accept the grant funding award from the <b>California Department of Public Health Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division</b> for the <b>California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) State General Fund Innovation 3.0 Project</b> for the term of <b>July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027</b>, in the amount of <b>\$340,962.00</b>.</li> <li>2. Authorize the Health Care Agency Director, or designee, to execute the Grant Award Agreement, upon review and approval by County Counsel, and delegate authority to the Health Care Agency Director, or designee, to sign and execute the Acceptance of Award, Agreement and/or any documents related to this award, and to make such future amendments thereto that do not change the Agreement amount by more than 10% of the original amount and/or make immaterial, ministerial changes to the Agreement.</li> </ol>	
<b>Department Contact:</b>	List the name and contact information (telephone, email) of the person to be contacted for further information.
Jennifer Sarin 714-834-4099 JSarin@ochca.com April Orozco 714-834-7799 AOrozco@ochca.com	
<b>Name of individual attending the Board Meeting:</b>	List the name of the individual who will be attending the Board Meeting for this Grant item:
Veronica Kelley	



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### GRANT APPLICATION / GRANT AWARD

<b>Today's Date:</b>	February 18, 2026
<b>Requesting Agency/Department:</b>	OC Community Resources
<b>Grant Name and Project Title:</b>	AARP Community Challenge / Ready Together – Wildfire Preparedness for Older Adults
<b>Sponsoring Organization/ Grant Source:</b> <small>(If the grant source is not a government entity, please provide a brief description of the organization/foundation)</small>	AARP
<b>Application Amount Requested:</b>	\$15,000
<b>Application Due Date:</b>	March 4, 2026
<b>Board Date when Board Approved this Application:</b>	N/A
<b>Awarded Funding Amount:</b>	N/A
<b>Notification Date of Funding Awarded:</b>	N/A
<b>Is this an Authorized Retroactive Grant Application/Award?</b> No	
<b>Recurrence of Grant:</b>	No
<b>If this is a recurring grant, please list the funding amount applied for and awarded in the past:</b>	N/A
<b>Does this grant require CEQA findings?</b>	No
<b>What Type of Grant is this?</b>	<b>Application</b> - Competitive
<b>County Match?</b>	No
<b>How will the County Match be fulfilled?</b> <small>(Please include the specific budget)</small>	N/A
<b>Will the grant/program create new part or full-time positions?</b>	No
<b>Will this grant support a new or existing program?</b>	New
<b>Purpose of Grant Funds:</b>	Provide summary and brief background on why the Board of Supervisors should accept this grant application/award, and how the grant will be implemented.

OC Community Resources/ OC Public Libraries' (OCCR/OCPL) Ready Together initiative is an innovative pilot program that will enhance community disaster resilience for County of Orange residents, particularly adults aged 50 and older, by delivering a series of interactive wildfire-preparedness and fire-safe landscaping workshops at six library locations. Grant funds will support these workshops by equipping older adults with practical knowledge, resources, and preparedness supplies to help them remain safe, independent and resilient in the face of wildfire risk.

By leveraging trusted community spaces at OCCR/OCPL locations, the program will increase access to critical preparedness education, strengthen readiness and foster a more secure Orange County.

**Board Resolution Required?**

No

**Deputy County Counsel Name:**

**Recommended Action(s)**

(Please specify below)

1. Authorize the OC Community Resources Director or designee to submit the AARP Community Challenge grant application.
2. Authorize the OC Community Resources Director or designee to execute any documents required for the application.

**Department Contact:**

List the name and contact information (telephone, email) of the person to be contacted for further information.

Dylan Wright 7144802788 dylan.wright@occr.ocgov.com  
Julie Quillman 714-566-3086 Julie.Quillman@occr.ocgov.com

**Name of individual attending the Board Meeting:**

List the name of the individual who will be attending the Board Meeting for this Grant item:

Dylan Wright



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### GRANT APPLICATION / GRANT AWARD

<b>Today's Date:</b>	February 18, 2026
<b>Requesting Agency/Department:</b>	OC Community Resources
<b>Grant Name and Project Title:</b>	Lunch at the Library Summer 2026
<b>Sponsoring Organization/ Grant Source:</b> <small>(If the grant source is not a government entity, please provide a brief description of the organization/foundation)</small>	California State Library
<b>Application Amount Requested:</b>	N/A
<b>Application Due Date:</b>	November 5, 2025
<b>Board Date when Board Approved this Application:</b>	June 24, 2055
<b>Awarded Funding Amount:</b>	\$80,569
<b>Notification Date of Funding Awarded:</b>	January 27, 2026
<b>Is this an Authorized Retroactive Grant Application/Award?</b> No	
<b>Recurrence of Grant:</b>	Yes
<b>If this is a recurring grant, please list the funding amount applied for and awarded in the past:</b>	2021: \$ 5,400 2022: \$ 11,850 2023: \$33,715.00 2024: \$135,287 2025: \$95,237
<b>Does this grant require CEQA findings?</b>	No
<b>What Type of Grant is this?</b>	<b>Award</b> - Non Competitive
<b>County Match?</b>	No
<b>How will the County Match be fulfilled?</b> <small>(Please include the specific budget)</small>	N/A
<b>Will the grant/program create new part or full-time positions?</b>	No
<b>Will this grant support a new or existing program?</b>	Existing
<b>Purpose of Grant Funds:</b>	Provide summary and brief background on why the Board of Supervisors should accept this grant application/award, and how the grant will be implemented.

Lunch at the Library will be offered at the following library locations in the summer of 2026: Costa Mesa Donald Dungan, El Toro, Garden Grove Chapman, San Juan Capistrano, and Tustin Libraries. These are the same sites that provided Lunch at the Library during summer of 2025. All children ages 18 and under are eligible to receive a free lunch and attend Lunch at the Library programming. Meals are served on a first come, first served basis. No registration is required.

Library locations are selected based on site eligibility as determined by school or census data confirming that 50 percent or more of the students receive Free and Reduced Priced Meals for any school within the boundary of the library's address. Once a library branch is determined to be eligible, OCPL will contact the local school districts to see if they'd like to partner with OCPL, via Memorandum of Understanding, to provide and serve the meals for Lunch at the Library. The five sites for Summer 2026 were selected based on eligibility and school districts agreed to be meal partners, providing the lunches.

<b>Board Resolution Required?</b>	No
<b>Deputy County Counsel Name:</b>	
<b>Recommended Action(s)</b> (Please specify below)	
Authorize OC Community Resources Director or designee to sign documents applicable to this award, accept the grant funds and administer the Program utilizing said funds.	
<b>Department Contact:</b>	List the name and contact information (telephone, email) of the person to be contacted for further information.
Dylan Wright 714-480-2788 dylan.wright@occr.ocgov.com Julie Quillman 714-566-3086 Julie.Quillman@occr.ocgov.com	
<b>Name of individual attending the Board Meeting:</b>	List the name of the individual who will be attending the Board Meeting for this Grant item:
Dylan Wright	



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### GRANT APPLICATION / GRANT AWARD

<b>Today's Date:</b>	February 18, 2026
<b>Requesting Agency/Department:</b>	OC Waste & Recycling
<b>Grant Name and Project Title:</b>	WHALE TAIL Grant
<b>Sponsoring Organization/ Grant Source:</b> <small>(If the grant source is not a government entity, please provide a brief description of the organization/foundation)</small>	California Coastal Commission
<b>Application Amount Requested:</b>	\$50,000
<b>Application Due Date:</b>	December 15, 2025
<b>Board Date when Board Approved this Application:</b>	November 4, 2025
<b>Awarded Funding Amount:</b>	N/A
<b>Notification Date of Funding Awarded:</b>	N/A
<b>Is this an Authorized Retroactive Grant Application/Award?</b> No	
<b>Recurrence of Grant:</b>	No
<b>If this is a recurring grant, please list the funding amount applied for and awarded in the past:</b>	N/A
<b>Does this grant require CEQA findings?</b>	No
<b>What Type of Grant is this?</b>	<b>Other</b> - Adopt Resolution
<b>County Match?</b>	No
<b>How will the County Match be fulfilled?</b> <small>(Please include the specific budget)</small>	N/A
<b>Will the grant/program create new part or full-time positions?</b>	No
<b>Will this grant support a new or existing program?</b>	Existing
<b>Purpose of Grant Funds:</b>	Provide summary and brief background on why the Board of Supervisors should accept this grant application/award, and how the grant will be implemented.

The Board of Supervisors approved the initial application on November 4, 2025 and OCWR is now returning to the Board to request the adoption of a Resolution that is required as part of the application process.

At the time OCWR requested Board approval of the application, OCWR anticipated that the funds would be used to create 11th grade environmental science curriculum to be used in Title 1 Red Zone areas of the County related to coastal erosion. When writing the grant, OCWR staff identified an unmet need among middle school-aged children and pivoted the content of the application to fulfill this need. The curriculum will be created by the Orange

County Department of Education and UC Irvine and will culminate with a field trip to South County to conduct lab experiments related to measuring coastal erosion and tying it into climate change and the County's Climate Action Plan.

<b>Board Resolution Required?</b>	Yes
<b>Deputy County Counsel Name:</b>	Paul Albarian
<b>Recommended Action(s)</b> (Please specify below)	
Adopt Resolution authorizing OCWR Director or Designee to submit a grant application for the 2025 Whale Tail Competitive Grant, to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the grant scope(s).	
<b>Department Contact:</b>	List the name and contact information (telephone, email) of the person to be contacted for further information.
Tara Tisopulos 714-290-0446 tara.tisopulos@ocwr.ocgov.com	
<b>Name of individual attending the Board Meeting:</b>	List the name of the individual who will be attending the Board Meeting for this Grant item:
Tom Koutroulis	

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
February 24, 2027

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR WHALE TAIL GRANT FUNDS FROM  
CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Commission awards grants for projects that it determines are consistent with Division 20 of the Public Resources Code and with the Commission’s objective of protecting and enhancing California’s coast and ocean for present and future generations;

WHEREAS, the Commission requires that governing body of the grantee certify through a resolution that it approves the application for Commission grant funding and authorizes the execution by a representative of the grantee of a grant agreement on terms and conditions required by the Commission;

WHEREAS, The Commission’s WHALE TAIL® Grants Program funds projects that connect people to the California Coast and its watersheds through education, stewardship, and outdoor experiences.

WHEREAS, the County of Orange’s proposed “Classroom to the Sea – Coastal Erosion Education Program” will develop a middle school environmental engineering program, in partnership with the Orange County Department of Education and UC Irvine, that helps students build a personal connection to the coast while investigating the severe coastal erosion occurring in South Orange County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Approves the filing of project proposal for Whale Tail program grant funding from the Commission; and
2. Delegates the authority to Tom Koutroulis, OC Waste & Recycling Director, or designee to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the grant scope(s)

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ Item No. \_\_\_\_\_  
2025 Whale Tail Grant