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AGENDA _____ November 18, 2025

November 5, 2025

Revised

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Alameda
1221 Oak Street
Oakland, CA 94612

SUBJECT: APPROVE A THREE-YEAR ALLOCATION TOTALING \$42,880,000 IN MEASURE C PEDIATRIC HEALTH CARE ACCOUNT SAFETY NET FUNDS BEGINNING FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 TO 2027-2028 TO MAINTAIN AND PROTECT THE AVAILABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY OF PEDIATRIC SAFETY NET SERVICES IN ALAMEDA COUNTY

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Approve a three-year allocation totaling \$42,880,000 in Measure C Pediatric Health Care Account Safety Net funds for Fiscal Years 2025-2026 (\$16,960,000), 2026-2027 (\$12,960,000) and 2027-2028 (\$12,960,000) to maintain and protect the availability and accessibility of pediatric safety net services in Alameda County;
- B. Adopt a policy that actual annual Measure C accrued sales tax revenue allocated to the Pediatric Health Care Account – Safety Net Fund in excess of the \$6 million annual base budget, up to \$1 million per year, will be allocated to the Measure C Violence Prevention Strategy at year end for the first three-year allocation by the Auditor-Controller to be included in the subsequent year budget;
- C. Adopt a policy that actual annual Measure C accrued sales tax revenue allocated to the Pediatric Health Care Account – Safety Net Fund in excess of the \$6 million annual base budget, beyond the \$1 million allocated to the Violence Prevention Strategy, will be allocated to the prudent reserve of the Safety Net Fund; and
- D. Approve the ongoing rollover of unspent Measure C allocations for FY 2025-2026 for use within each strategy in subsequent fiscal years

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

On March 3, 2020, 65% of Alameda County voters approved Measure C, the Children's Health and Child Care Initiative for Alameda County, that authorized Alameda County to raise its sales tax by one-half percent for 20 years to increase access to quality child care and expand pediatric health and wellness services including a Level 1 pediatric trauma center, the local children's health care safety net, and innovative programs. Eighty percent (80%) of Measure C funds are to be allocated to the Child Care, Preschool, and Early Education Account and managed by First 5. The remaining 20% will be allocated to the Pediatric Health Care Account and managed by Alameda County.

On April 1, 2025, your Board approved an expenditure policy for the Pediatric Health Care Account. Within the Pediatric Health Care Account, 80% of funds are to be allocated to UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland for a Hospital Fund and Staff, Training, and Equipment Fund. The remaining 20% is to be allocated to the Safety Net Fund and managed by Alameda County Health (AC Health).

On July 28, 2025, September 8, 2025, and October 27, 2025, AC Health presented to the Board of Supervisors' Health Committee a set of criteria to guide allocation strategies for the Measure C Pediatric Health Care Account – Safety Net Fund for the three-year funding cycle beginning in FY 2025-2026 through FY 2027-2028. These criteria included:

1. Allocate accrued and annual revenue to maximize impact;
2. Establish a prudent reserve;
3. Establish a three-year funding cycle, starting in FY 2025-2026, that supports regular review of strategies and aligns with the current Measure A essential health services funding cycle;
4. Support strategies that leverage existing infrastructure and build on existing assessments and plans;
5. Support a mix of County and CBO-contracted programs; and
6. Prioritize strategies that support cross-sectional and holistic support for priority populations.

Based on these criteria, AC Health developed the following funding recommendations for the first three-year funding cycle of Measure C Pediatric Health Care Account Safety Net Fund:

- \$3,800,000 annually to provide Health Care Services to youth and transition age youth at the Juvenile Justice Center managed by Alameda County Behavioral Health Department. The contract includes primary care and medical treatment, sick call and first aid, medication administration, health education, medication assisted treatment for substance use, and dental screening and limited dental care;
- \$1,460,000 annually for School-Based Vaccine Programs managed by Alameda County Public Health Department. These programs provide vaccines at no cost to students, teachers, and parents/guardians in Alameda County schools;
- \$3,000,000 annually for Violence Prevention efforts managed by Alameda County Public Health Department. This strategy aims to prevent and reduce the impacts of violence and provide grant funding for violence prevention and intervention programs;
- \$2,000,000 annually for the Innovative Adolescent Health Grant Program managed by Alameda County Public Health Department. This funding will provide grants for community-based organizations focused on areas including prevention, health promotion, and social emotional well-being through youth-driven programming;
- \$1,000,000 annually to Sustain School Health Center (SHC) efforts managed by Alameda County Healthy Schools and Communities. SHCs provide medical, dental, behavioral health, health education, and youth development programming;
- \$1,000,000 annually for County-funded and operated REACH Ashland Youth Center managed by Alameda County Healthy Schools and Communities. REACH provides programming related to recreation, education, library services, arts and creativity, career services and employment, and health and wellness;

- \$4,000,000 one-time allocation for St. Rose Hospital for a Birthing Center managed by Alameda Health Systems. This will fund a remodel and build out of a Birthing Center, which will bring the location up to code and partially fund equipment and furnishings.
- \$700,000 annually for Family Support and Engagement efforts, including \$250,000 for the Help Me Grow Program, an early childhood development helpline (managed by First 5); \$250,000 for the Fathers Corps Program, which advocates for family service providers to offer father-friendly services (managed by First 5); and \$200,000 for Newcomer Engagement and Support to fund Alameda County's newcomer website and community organizations serving newcomer and immigrant populations (managed by East Bay Refugee and Immigrant Forum and the Center of Excellence for Immigrant Child Health).

Measure C Pediatric Health Care Account – Safety Net Fund strategies will be coordinated and aligned to provide seamless, effective services and supports for our pediatric population. The allocations included in this first funding cycle are funded by a combination of annual revenue, which is estimated at approximately \$6 million per year, and accrued revenue, totaling \$31 million as of June 2025. (See Attachment A for the allocations for each fiscal year.)

At the conclusion of the three-year period, following all planned allocations, the prudent reserve is projected to total approximately \$6,120,000. Given the rapidly shifting state and federal landscape, AC Health recommends that these funds remain in reserve to provide flexibility in responding to emerging needs.

AC Health further requests that your Board approve a policy that actual annual Measure C accrued sales tax revenue allocated to the Pediatric Health Care Account – Safety Net Fund in excess of the \$6 million annual base budget, up to \$1 million per year, will be allocated to the Violence Prevention Strategy at year end by the Auditor-Controller to be included in the subsequent year budget, consistent with the September 8, 2025 and October 27, 2025 Health Committee recommendations. Consistent with the regular review of the three-year allocation plan, this policy would be re-evaluated in the development of the next three-year plan.

AC Health also requests that your Board adopt a policy that actual annual Measure C accrued sales tax revenue allocated to the Pediatric Health Care Account – Safety Net Fund in excess of the \$6 million annual base budget, beyond the \$1 million allocated to the Violence Prevention Strategy, will be allocated to the prudent reserve of the Safety Net Fund.

On October 27, 2025, the Health Committee recommended providing stipend payments to members of the Measures A, C, and W Citizen Oversight Committee. The committee also requested an update from the County Administrator's Office on County-wide boards and commissions. AC Health may return to the Board with recommendations related to these stipends pending your Board's broader discussion and direction.

Finally, your Board is asked to approve the ongoing rollover of unspent Measure C allocations for FY 2025-2026 within each strategy for use in subsequent fiscal years. Since the first year's allocations are anticipated to be approved in the middle of Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the ongoing rollover would give AC Health departments and community providers more time to fully expend the allocations.



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On October 27, 2025, the Board of Supervisors' Health Committee recommended that AC Health bring these recommendations to the full Board for final approval.

SELECTION CRITERIA/PROCESS:

Not applicable

FINANCING:

Funding for the recommendations come from Measure C Pediatric Health Care Account – Safety Net Fund revenue. AC Health will return to your Board to request associated budget adjustments in subsequent meetings. Approval of this recommendation will have no impact on net County cost.

VISION 2036 GOAL:

Providing Measure C Pediatric Health Care Account – Safety Net funding to maintain and protect the availability and accessibility of pediatric safety net services in Alameda County meets the 10X goal pathways to promote **Health for All** and **Eliminate Poverty and Hunger** in support of our shared visions of **Safe and Livable Communities** and a **Thriving & Resilient Population**.

Sincerely,

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ATTACHMENT A

FY 2026 to FY 2028 Measure C Allocation Funding Recommendations

Strategy	FY 25-26 Allocation	FY 26-27 Allocation	FY 27-28 Allocation	TOTAL
1. Health care services at Juvenile Justice Center	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000	\$11,400,000
2. School-based vaccine programs	\$1,460,000	\$1,460,000	\$1,460,000	\$4,380,000
3. Violence prevention	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$9,000,000
4. Innovative Adolescent Health Grant Program	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$6,000,000
5. Sustain School Health Center (SHC) efforts	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000
6. REACH Ashland Youth Center	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000
7. St. Rose Hospital Birthing Center	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,000,000
8a. Family Support and Engagement: Help Me Grow	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$750,000
8b. Family Support and Engagement: Fathers Corps	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$750,000
8c. Family Support and Engagement: Newcomer Engagement and Support	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$600,000
Total	\$16,960,000	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000	\$42,880,000
Allocation from Annual Revenue	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$18,000,000
Allocation from Escrow Account	\$10,960,000	\$6,960,000	\$6,960,000	\$24,880,000