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**Authority:**

Section 311(c)(1) of the Public Health Service Act  
(42 USC 243(c)(1))

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, ([P.L. 117-2](#))

**COVID-19 ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion Advanced Molecular Detection Supplemental  
Funding for Major Construction  
Award Number AMDPHL12  
Sonoma Public Health Laboratory (PHL)**

Dear Sonoma County Public Health Laboratory Director:

The State of California recently received additional funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to provide large costs associated with major and new construction in public health laboratories. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) are aware that aging PHL facilities are in need of physical improvements to strengthen PHL preparedness and capacity for molecular detection, analysis and reporting of SARS-CoV-2 and other pathogens of public health importance. Based on proposals submitted to Centers for Disease Control in October 2021 on behalf of 18 local Public Health Laboratories, CDPH was awarded \$18,554,181 in Advanced Molecular Detection (AMD) Supplemental Funding for Major Construction of Public Health Laboratory Facilities.

Sonoma PHL requested \$1,167,240 for AMD-related construction or renovations. \$1,167,240 of AMD S2 Major Construction funding was awarded to your PHL upon CDC approval of construction or renovation plans. Funding for this project is covered for the period May 14, 2021 to July 31, 2024.

Similar to the work supported by ELC Enhancing Detection Strategies 2 and 3, Enhancing Detection Expansion and Strengthening Public Health Laboratories Supplemental funding, this AMD Major Construction funding expands support of PHL molecular detection, analysis and reporting of SARS-CoV-2 and other pathogens of public health importance.



### **Submission Requirements:**

Requests for renovation and construction will be submitted by CDPH to CDC for final approval. Your request must include the following on County letterhead. **NOTE: Projects cannot commence until official approval is received by CDC:**

1. a description of the renovation and/or major construction to be completed, including the square footage of the project,
2. justification of how the renovations and/or major construction will align with the activities in the AMD Sequencing & Analytics COVID Guidance (Attachment 2), and
3. an itemized cost proposal to include a quote or bid justifying the cost that is being requested with this proposal.

### **Reporting:**

Upon project approval, CDPH will schedule bi-annual check-ins to go over the progress of construction and renovation projects within your facility.

### **Reimbursement/Invoicing:**

CDPH will reimburse your Agency upon receipt of invoice (Attachment 3). In order to receive your reimbursement, please complete and submit your invoice(s) to:  
[CDPHELC@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:CDPHELC@cdph.ca.gov).

Your Agency must maintain supporting documentation for any expenditures invoiced to CDPH against this source of funding. Documentation should be readily available in the event of an audit or upon request from CDPH. Documentation should be available for five years.

CDPH will host a webinar in January to go over any questions and the process for submitting finalized proposals for construction and renovation. CDPH will also contact your PHL directly to provide technical assistance and feedback on your proposals. If you have any questions or need further clarification regarding this funding, please reach out to Laboratory Allocation Coordinator Holli Kozar at [Holli.DowlessKozar@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:Holli.DowlessKozar@cdph.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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### **Attachments**

Attachment 1: PHL Major Construction Awards  
Attachment 2: AMD Sequencing & Analytics COVID Guidance  
Attachment 3: Invoice Template

cc: Local Health Officers and Health Directors