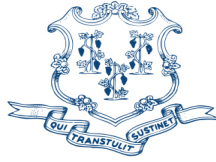


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To: Directors of Health, Acting Directors of Health

From: Francesca Provenzano, MPH, RS, Chief
Public Health Preparedness and Local Health Section

Date: August 11, 2022

RE: Contract-funded staff and Monkeypox Response

OPHPR-2022-012

The Department of Public Health (DPH) received additional guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) related to the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) Enhancing Detection funds to support COVID-19 response activities for the period January 20, 2020 through November 17, 2022. This funding is meant to strengthen statewide capacity to respond to the pandemic and is intended to enhance local efforts supporting COVID-19 testing activities, surveillance, and prevention of further COVID-19 transmission. According to guidance from CDC this week, these ELC funds have some flexibility and can be used to support some Monkeypox activities with the following parameters:

Approved Monkeypox budget items include:

1. Diverting existing LHD ELC funded staff for no more than 25% of their time. Activities that are supported include but are not limited to case interviews/follow-up, contact monitoring, contact tracing, education, and connecting them with local Community Partners that can meet their unmet needs.
2. Overtime for LHD ELC funded staff

Items not allowed:

1. Hiring new LHD or contractual staff
2. Entering into new contracts
3. Overtime for non ELC funded LHD staff
4. Activities related to vaccinations



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If you need to use ELC funds to support Monkeypox activities, we ask that you send an email to LHD-ELCinbox@ct.gov with the following information. The subject line on your email should include: “[Name of LHD]- ELC Monkeypox request”. The proposed Monkeypox activities must relate to the work plan activities supported with ELC funds (e.g., case interviews, contact monitoring, contact tracing, education and connecting people to their local community partners for unmet needs).

The email request must include:

1. Name of ELC LHD funded staff who will be working on Monkeypox activities with percent effort and duration of time (in weeks or months) their effort will support Monkeypox activities
2. Brief description of the activities to be conducted by the ELC LHD funded staff working on Monkeypox activities.
3. Name of ELC LHD funded staff who will be working OT on Monkeypox activities, estimated OT hours per week and duration of time (in weeks or months) OT will be worked.
4. Brief description of the activities to be conducted by the ELC LHD funded staff working OT on Monkeypox activities.

DPH will review the information provided in the email and send a response back approving or denying the request to reallocate ELC funds to support Monkeypox activities.

If you have any questions, please submit them to LHD-ELCinbox@ct.gov.

c: PHP&LHS staff
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