



**San Francisco  
Department of Public Health**

**DHRPSC0005914 : PATH Grant Support and Strategic  
Decision Making**

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## PSC REQUEST OVERVIEW: PATH GRANT AND STRATEGIC DECISION MAKING

- **Scope of Services:** Provide strategic decision-making and project-management support to implement California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) reforms within the Department of Public Health's (DPH) Behavioral Health Services (BHS).
- **Need of Services:** We need to continue this work as the current state of government funding continues to include complexities that lie outside of current civil service expertise. Specifically, this knowledge is related to federal and local requirements involving regulatory changes and adjustments realized within an equity framework for our clinics and our leadership. We expect to complete this work within 18-24 months.
- **Service Delivery Locations:** This work will support DPH staff and leadership remotely at any location.
- **Service Delivery Timeline:** These services need to begin as soon as possible to meet grant requirements, so we are hoping when the contract is certified anticipated in March of 2026, it can begin immediately and continue until the end of the next fiscal year in June 2027.
- **Clients to be Served:** This will benefit all clients that BHS serves as it will provide our staff with the expertise they need to meet state and federal regulations, including equity requirements.

## WHY THIS PSC SUPPORTS DPH'S MISSION

- **Background and Service History:** Historically, this contract was used for the unique combination of knowledge of government funding systems, experience with planning alongside government agencies, and knowledge of equity expectations of San Francisco as well as federal and state regulations. Our solicitation for a new contract is to continue the work that was already begun under this previous contract but narrow the scope to include strategic decision making related to government funding structures.
- **Why Contracting is the Right Tool for This Need:** The set of knowledge and skills we are seeking is unique to a select number of outside consultants and is not part of our full time staff skillset. We need support from organizations that focus on these issues to support our internal growth.
- **How This Supports DPH Programs:** This work supports our leadership and clinics to gain the knowledge to navigate the current regulatory environments of the city, state, and federal government. This includes new Prop 1 requirements, CalAIM requirements, PATH state grant requirements, and MediCal challenges all realized under the specific equity expectations of San Francisco.
- **PSC Amount:** \$850,000 funded through the PATH Grant
- **PSC Duration:** 30 Months



**THANK YOU**

