(Section 2.00, Chapter 43, Statutes of 2022 (SB 154))

0977-101-0001—For local assistance, California Health Facilities Financing Authority 65,000,000

Schedule:

(1) 0885-Health Facilities Grants and Loans 65,000,000

2. (a) Of the amount appropriated in this item, $25,000,000 is available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2032, for the California Health Facilities Financing Authority ("Authority") to implement the Specialty Dental Clinic Grant Program to support the construction, expansion, modification, or adaptation of specialty dental clinics in California to increase access to oral health care for the special health care needs populations.

(b) Of the funds identified in subdivision (a), the Authority may allocate an amount not to exceed 5 percent. The Department of Finance may transfer up to $500,000 to Item 0977-001-0001 to administer the grants. Any funds transferred shall be available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2032.

(c) The Authority shall develop a competitive grant program to award funds to eligible entities in amounts up to $5,000,000 per entity.

(d) The Authority shall determine, in consultation with the California Dental

Association and other stakeholders representing patients with special health care needs, disability and consumer advocates, and specialty dental providers, the application process, eligibility criteria, and methodology for distribution of the loans pursuant to this provision.

(e) The Authority shall develop an application for eligible entities, which shall include requests for relevant information, such as project goals, costs, demonstrated need, timeline for the project, financial feasibility of the project, and other information deemed necessary for evaluation of these applications.

(f) The Authority shall prioritize these applications, supporting timely access, reducing geographic shortages, increasing equity, and supporting quality of care, giving priority to applications that include plans to reduce the need for dental care using sedation or general anesthesia, including, but not limited to, prevention, early intervention, behavior support services and intervention, provider education, and community outreach activities that bring care to community sites.

(g) Entities shall meet the criteria established by the Authority, which, at a minimum, shall include:

(1) A commitment to provide services to special needs populations,

regardless of payer or health insurance provider, for a minimum of 10 years upon final completion of construction. This population shall constitute at least 50 percent of the facility's total patient caseload.

(2) The eligible entity shall be enrolled and certified as a provider with the Medi-Cal program and, if applicable, provide copies of valid contracts with local Medi-Cal managed care plans.

(3) To the extent an eligible entity does not maintain the minimum patient caseload above, the entity shall repay the amount of the grant back to the Authority within five years at an interest rate established by the Authority.

(4) Submission of plans to the Authority that demonstrate the proposed entity's ability to serve patients with physical, cognitive, or developmental disabilities.

(5) Proof of appropriate licensure of the facility or providers, including, but not limited to, professional licensure and applicable permits for general anesthesia, medical general anesthesia, conscious

sedation, and oral conscious sedation.

(h) "Special health care needs populations" include children and adults who have disabilities that prevent them from receiving routine or specialty care due to their physical, developmental, or cognitive condition.

(i) "Specialty dental clinics" are intended to provide accessibility for the most challenging situations, and construction of clinics shall include specialized equipment to accommodate diagnosis and treatment of special health care needs population, including equipment that makes it easier for both the patient to receive treatment and the provider to render care needed.

(j) Notwithstanding subdivision (e) of Section 15432 of the Government Code, "eligible entities" may include the following:

(1) Facilities licensed under Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1200) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code that provide, or intend to provide, dental services.

(2) Facilities licensed under Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code that provide, or intend to provide, dental services.

(3) Licensed providers with the Medical or Dental Board of

California that provide, or intend to provide, dental services.

(4) A dental college located in the state approved by the California Dental Board or the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

(k) The Authority may adopt, amend, or repeal rules and regulations to implement this provision as emergency regulations under the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code). The adoption, amendment, or repeal of these rules and regulations shall be deemed to be an emergency and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or general welfare for purposes of Section 11346.1 of the Government Code.