

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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March 1, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents with The Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center to implement the Materials Development Training and Grant Project in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, for the period from January 3, 2005 to June 30, 2005, and increase appropriations in the Health Fund (SR 130) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) by \$10,000. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

As part of the California AIDS Clearinghouse Materials Development Project, The Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center has received a new grant from the State of California Department of Health Services to develop HIV/AIDS education materials. The Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center is requesting that the City provide materials development services as a component of this grant. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has been identified as a creative and effective local health jurisdiction able to develop programs to reach target populations with respect to HIV.

Under this grant the DHHS will develop culturally-specific HIV prevention education materials. These funds will enable the DHHS to develop materials to enhance the effectiveness of its current HIV programs. The DHHS will also be required to provide the California AIDS Clearinghouse with 50 copies of the finished product. The educational materials may be made available to other jurisdictions statewide at the discretion of the Clearinghouse.

These materials will be targeted toward gay men aged 15 through 24, who are considered to be at a high risk of contracting HIV. It focuses on influencing behavior change and will be used to supplement existing HIV prevention projects within the DHHS. The material could also be provided to other DHHS divisions, clinics, or local agencies that provide one-on-one counseling with youth to supplement information and educational messages provided during risk reduction counseling.

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This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on February 15, 2005 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on February 16, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is requested on March 1, 2005, as the DHHS began providing services under the agreement on January 3, 2005, but cannot recover costs until the agreement is approved.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total amount of the agreement is \$10,000. An appropriation increase for this amount is included in the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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DIRECTOR

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APPROVED:

GERALD R. MILLER CITY MANAGER