



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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September 19, 2017

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement and any subsequent amendments, with the State of California Department of Health Care Services to accept and expend funding in an amount not to exceed \$593,893, for the continuation of the Child Health and Disability Prevention Program, for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

On November 15, 2016, the City Council authorized an agreement with the State of California Department of Health Care Services to accept funding in an amount not to exceed \$594,677, to continue the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program, for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Since 1995, the California State Department of Health Services has allocated funds to the Health and Human Services Department (Health Department) to administer the CHDP Program and to implement program requirements as set forth in Health and Safety Code, Article 6, Section 124025 et seq. and Article 4.7, Section 14148.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. The CHDP Program provides complete health assessments for the early detection and prevention of disease and disabilities for low-income children and youth. A health assessment consists of a health history, physical examination, developmental assessment, nutritional assessment, dental assessment, vision and hearing tests, a tuberculin test, laboratory tests, immunizations, health education/anticipatory guidance, and referral for any needed diagnosis and treatment.

There is substantial national and international evidence that comprehensive early intervention and regular health screenings among children and adolescents have long-term benefits for physical and mental health, educational achievement, and emotional functioning. The program is targeted toward low-income children up to age 21 to ensure ongoing well-child checkups and health screening services, and to provide referral assistance for additional health care resources. For the program year 2015–2016, staff reviewed the health assessment results of over 20,000 children who had received CHDP health assessments. There are 38 CHDP providers in Long Beach, who provide approximately 1,700 CHDP exams per month.

The Health Department's CHDP Program carries out community activities that include planning, evaluation and monitoring, case management, informing and providing health education materials, provider recruitment, quality assurance, and client support services, such as assistance with transportation and medical, dental, and mental health appointment scheduling, and encouraging the completion of an application for ongoing health care coverage. The CHDP Program is responsible for resource and provider development to ensure that high quality services are delivered and available to eligible children/youth. The program informs the target populations to increase their participation, and community agencies and residents to increase the knowledge and acceptance of preventive services.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda T. Vu on August 24, 2017 and by Revenue Management Officer Geraldine Alejo on August 29, 2017.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on September 19, 2017, to continue services and meet required objectives.


FISCAL IMPACT

The Health Department is eligible to receive reimbursement up to \$593,893 for the grant period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The reimbursement funding is allocated from the State General Fund and Federal Funds. Sufficient funds are currently appropriated in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Health and Human Services Department (HE). No match or in-kind service mandate is required, and there is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,


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DIRECTOR
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:


PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER