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August 8, 2023

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement and all necessary documents or subsequent amendments, including amending the terms, or changing the amount of the award, with the State of California, Department of Health Services to receive and expend funding in an amount not to exceed \$2,255,249, for the provision of immunization services for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Since 1993, the Health and Human Services Department (Health Department) has received funding from the State of California Department of Health Services (State) to supplement local childhood immunization programs and services. The goal of the Health Department Immunization Program is to increase the immunization rates of children and decrease the occurrence of vaccine-preventable diseases in Long Beach. The target objectives are that 90 percent of children in Long Beach will be fully vaccinated with all pediatric doses of vaccines recommended and that at least 95 percent of kindergarten enrollees into public and private schools in Long Beach will be up to date upon entry.

The Health Department will use this award to continue to provide and coordinate local immunization program activities. These funds will be utilized by the Health Department for the provision of the following services: immunization education for providers, parents, and the community; outreach to target populations; supplemental staffing at Health Department immunization clinics; annual preschool, Head Start, and kindergarten immunization records assessments; quality assurance reviews in the Health Department and private non-profit clinics; case management for hepatitis B prevention; outreach and clinic interventions to promote and provide recently developed new vaccines for adults and children; and, recall/reminder systems to ensure on-time receipt of immunizations. The Immunization Program also coordinates the annual flu vaccine campaign, which conducts clinics to provide influenza vaccine to anyone over the age of six months, with special emphasis on reaching those over the age of 60 and those with chronic medical conditions.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani on July 18, 2023 and by Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on July 21, 2023.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on August 8, 2023, as the Health Department has been providing services under this contract since July 1, 2022.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The City will be reimbursed in an amount not to exceed \$2,255,249 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027. Sufficient funds for the second year of the contract are currently appropriated in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department. Subsequent years' appropriation will be requested as part of the annual budget process. There is no City match or in-kind service mandate, and no local job impact associated with this recommendation. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER