



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

City of Long Beach

California

## RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents with the State of California Department of Health Services for a Dental Disease Prevention Program, in the amount of \$171,000 for a period of three years, and increase appropriations in the Health Fund (SR 130) and in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) by \$57,000; and authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with L.A. Care Health Plan for the continuation of the DHHS Smile Bright Dental Disease Prevention Program and necessary documents to continue funding the program for a period of one year, and increase appropriations in the Health Fund (SR 130) and in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) by \$63,700. (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

The State of California Department of Health Services, Children's Dental Disease Prevention Program (State CDDPP), has awarded the City of Long Beach \$171,000 in grant funds to continue the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Children's Dental Disease Prevention Program (Smile Bright) for a three-year period (\$57,000 annually). The State has awarded the City a grant for this program since 1981.

L.A. Care Health Plan (L.A. Care) has also awarded the City of Long Beach a \$63,700 grant to allow the DHHS to continue the expansion of the Smile Bright Program for a one-year period. L.A. Care initially funded the DHHS for expansion of this program in 2003-2004 for \$122,000.

The DHHS Smile Bright Dental Disease Prevention Program is an oral health education and intervention program that targets pre-kindergarten through fifth grade students who attend Long Beach schools with high percentages of low-income children who are eligible for the free and reduced price meal program. Smile Bright funds health educators who provide classroom education sessions on flossing, brushing, and prevention of dental disease and injury; and a dental hygienist who performs screening and dental sealant applications in the school settings. The State CDDPP grant will fund services for approximately 5,700 students annually (5,500 students will receive classroom education,

and approximately 200 will receive screenings and sealant applications). The L.A. Care grant will fund screenings for an additional 250 students, sealant applications for students found eligible during screening, and case management to ensure that children identified during screenings with emergent dental care needs receive follow-up and treatment. L.A. Care funds will also be used to conduct a training on oral health screening techniques for all Long Beach Unified School District school nurses.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna Gwin on April 20, 2005 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on April 11, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on May 3, 2005 in order to appropriate newly received funds and to continue the programs without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT

For the State's Children's Dental Disease Prevention Program, the City will receive an increase of grant revenues of \$57,000 annually for the grant period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2007. An appropriations increase of \$57,000 is included in the recommendation. Funding of \$57,000 has been budgeted in the Health Fund (SR130) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE). The second and third year of the grant will be appropriated through the City's annual budget process. The City will receive grant revenues for L.A. Health Plan for the Smile Bright Dental Disease Prevention Program in the amount of \$63,700, which will offset expenditures of the same amount. An appropriations increase of this amount is included in the recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER  
CITY MANAGER