



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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August 14, 2012

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents and any subsequent amendments between the California Department of Public Health Tuberculosis Control Branch and the City of Long Beach to receive grant funding in the amount of \$210,719, and an allotment of up to \$12,727, for a combined total amount of \$223,446, for tuberculosis prevention and control activities for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

As a local health jurisdiction, the City of Long Beach Department of Health & Human Services (Health Department) receives Tuberculosis (TB) Control Local Assistance Funding to meet the critical mandate of TB control. These funds have been used to support core public health TB control through preventive therapy, diagnosis and treatment of active TB disease, and to conduct contact investigations to limit the spread of disease. The Food, Shelter, Incentives and Enablers (FSIE) allotment is used to enhance treatment adherence, prevent homelessness, and allow the use of less restrictive alternatives that decrease or prevent the need for civil detention.

The California Department of Public Health, TB Control Branch, has granted the Health Department a base award of \$210,719 and an allotment of up to \$12,727 for FSIE expenditures. These funds are being awarded to carry out tuberculosis prevention and control activities for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

TB is a severe health threat globally. According to the World Health Organization, approximately one-third of the world's population is infected with the bacteria that cause TB. In 2009, approximately 9.4 million people became ill with the disease and an estimated 1.7 million people died. The latest surveillance data shows that TB has reached an all-time low in California. In 2011, a total of 2,317 cases were reported. The TB rate declined 3 percent from 2010 to 2011, to 5.8 cases per 100,000 population, the lowest recorded rate since TB reporting began. "California reported more than 20 percent of the nation's TB cases, and the greatest number of TB cases of any state" (TB Fact Sheet, TB in California a Snapshot: 2011). In 2011, there were 1,627 TB referrals, 29 reported TB cases and 334 TB Contacts in the City of Long Beach.

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This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on July 11, 2012 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on July 17, 2012.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on August 14, 2012, to continue the program without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive grant revenues in the amount of \$223,446, to offset expenditures of the same amount from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Sufficient funds are budgeted in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) in the Health Fund (SR 130). Future years' funds will be budgeted through the City's annual budget process. There is no City match, no impact to the General Fund, and no local job impact associated with the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER