



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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June 20, 2006

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement and all necessary documents with the State of California Department of Health Services in an amount not to exceed \$65,307 for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness, and to request an increased appropriation in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) of \$65,307.

DISCUSSION

California Senate Bill 409 appropriated \$4.5 million in state General Funds to local health departments for the period May 22 through June 30, 2006 to undertake pandemic influenza preparedness. The Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) has been awarded \$65,307 for this term. Funds will be used to develop the local jurisdiction pandemic influenza preparedness and response plan consistent with State guidance, develop public health laboratory capacity, develop risk communication messages, improve disease surveillance and epidemiology, and develop plans for use of quarantine and medicine distribution. The Health Department has until September 2006 to finalize the scope of work associated with this funding.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on June 8, 2006 and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on June 12, 2006.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is requested on June 20, 2006, as these funds must be encumbered by the State by June 30, 2006. In order to do so, the State must receive a signed agreement from the City by June 26, 2006. However, the Health Department will have two years in which to complete the required work activities.

FISCAL IMPACT

This award is the first in an ongoing allocation for this purpose, with subsequent guidance and awards to follow enactment of the State budget for fiscal year 2007. An appropriation increase is required and included in the recommendation above.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER