



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents with the State of California Department of Health Services to provide beach water quality monitoring and public notification from October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006; and increase appropriations in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) by \$25,000. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The State of California Department of Health Services (State) awarded the City \$25,000 in new grant funds through the Beach Water Quality Monitoring and Public Notification program. These funds are available to support the current beach water quality testing program, including reimbursement for testing conducted during the period October 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006, and support continued public notification activities such as posting weekly recreational water quality sampling results to the City internet website and posting warning signs at beaches when bacterial levels are above State standards. The State mandates all local health jurisdictions to conduct weekly bacterial testing of waters adjacent to public beaches that have more than 50,000 visitors annually and are near storm drains that flow in the summer.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on September 20, 2005 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on September 23, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on October 4, 2005, as the Department of Health and Human Services began providing services under this agreement on October 1, 2005.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total amount of the agreement is \$25,000 from October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006. An appropriations increase for this amount is included in the recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER