



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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April 16, 2013

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary agreements, and any subsequent amendments, between the City of Long Beach and the Los Angeles County Proposition 10 Commission – First 5 LA in an amount not to exceed \$172,964 to augment the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services Black Infant Health Program for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

On July 29, 2009, the California budget redirected State General Fund support to the Black Infant Health (BIH) Program. In response, Los Angeles County requested that the Los Angeles County Proposition 10 Commission - First 5 LA provide funding support to all BIH programs located in the County, including Long Beach. On April 14, 2011, First 5 LA approved funding for three years beginning July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014, subject to annual appropriation approval from First 5 LA. Current funding for the City of Long Beach BIH Program is scheduled to end on June 30, 2013.

Upon approval, the Health Department will continue to conduct a community-based BIH Program to improve early access to care and supportive services, maintenance of health before, during and after pregnancy, and increase social support and empowerment to improve the health status of African American women and their infants. Although the overall infant mortality rate in Long Beach has declined, it varies greatly by race/ethnicity, with the greatest disparity in African American infants. In the African American community there is a higher incidence of preterm birth, and low birth weight rates are as much as twice that of other groups. The goal of the Black Infant Health Program is to maximize positive pregnancy outcomes in order to improve survival rates for African American infants in the City of Long Beach. Program staff provide culturally competent information to African American women, health care providers and the community to educate them on the importance of care, before, during, after and between pregnancies.

The Black Infant Health Program helps the mother maintain a healthy pregnancy, have a healthy baby and achieve a healthy lifestyle.

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This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Vu on March 21, 2013 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on April 1, 2013.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on April 16, 2013 in order to continue the program without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive an increase in grant revenues of \$172,964 for the grant period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, and sufficient funds are currently budgeted. There is no City match, no impact on the General Fund, and no net impact to jobs associated with this action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



SUSAN PRICE
ACTING DIRECTOR
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER