



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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July 14, 2009

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents and amendments between the City of Long Beach and the State of California Department of Health Services for the provision of immunization services in the amount of \$388,000 for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Since 1993, the Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) has received funding from the State of California Department of Health Services (State) to supplement local childhood immunization programs and services. The goal of the Health Department's Immunization Program is to increase the immunization rates of children and to decrease the occurrence of vaccine-preventable diseases in Long Beach. The target objectives are that 90 percent of the two-year-olds in Long Beach will be vaccinated with all of the recommended pediatric doses of vaccines by the year 2010, and at least 95 percent of new enrollees into public and private schools in Long Beach will be up-to-date. Currently, 75 percent of two-year-olds have received all of the recommended vaccines. This percentage has increased significantly from 40 percent in 1993. Additionally, in 2008, 95 percent of Long Beach kindergarten enrollees were fully immunized by the first day of school.

Immunization Program Activities

The Health Department will use this award to continue to provide and coordinate local immunization program activities. These funds will be utilized by the Health Department for the provision of the following services: immunization education for providers, parents and the community; outreach to target populations; supplemental staffing at Health Department immunization clinics; annual pre-school, Head Start and kindergarten immunization records assessments; quality assurance reviews in the Health Department and private non-profit clinics; case management for hepatitis B prevention; outreach and clinic interventions to promote and provide recently developed new vaccines for adults and children; and recall/reminder systems to ensure on-time receipt of immunizations. The Immunization Program also coordinates the annual flu vaccine campaign which conducts clinics for people over age 60 and those with chronic medical conditions.

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A portion of this funding will be used to supplement immunization services provided by The Children's Clinic (\$75,000) and the Westside Neighborhood Clinic (\$10,000) in Long Beach.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on June 17, 2009 and Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on June 22, 2009.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on July 14, 2009 as services under this agreement began on July 1, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive grant revenues of \$388,000 to offset expenditures of the same amount. Sufficient funds are currently appropriated in the Health Fund (SR 130) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HE). Any expense in excess of the grant will be covered by realignment funds. There is no impact on the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER