



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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July 22, 2014

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an amendment to the existing grant agreement between the City of Long Beach and the County of Los Angeles to provide bioterrorism preparedness and public health infrastructure development, to extend the term of the agreement from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015, and to accept additional funding of \$919,328, for a total grant amount of \$2,817,484. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Since 2002, the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has awarded the County of Los Angeles (County) funding for bioterrorism preparedness and public health infrastructure development to provide for response support to a bioterrorist threat or other public health emergency in Long Beach. On August 14, 2012, the City Council authorized a grant agreement with the County in the amount of \$927,437 to further develop our public health preparedness and response for bioterrorism capabilities for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. The County subsequently amended this agreement to provide an additional \$970,719 for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

The County has provided \$919,328 in funding for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 to build the Health Department's ability to respond to evolving public health threats and strengthen infrastructure through development of functions and resources under 15 Public Health Preparedness Capabilities. This funding will allow the City to participate in a comprehensive regional risk and hazard assessment; develop a strategic plan to guide annual and long-term preparedness; enhance testing capacity of biological and chemical agents; and continue training and exercise programs that include issues related to aerosolized biological agent attacks, communicable disease control, pandemic influenza and terrorism. Funding will also allow the Health Department to provide educational support to the community for family disaster preparedness, communicable diseases, and other related biological and natural hazards/disasters.

This matter has been reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Vu on June 25, 2014 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on June 26, 2014.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on July 22, 2014 order to continue this program without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT

With the increase of \$919,328, the total amount of the amended agreement is 2,817,484 for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. Sufficient funds are currently budgeted in the Health Fund (SR 130) and in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE). No match or in-kind service mandate is required, and there is no local job impact associated with this action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,


KELLY COLORY, DIRECTOR
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER