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August 2, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with The Earl B. and Loraine H. Miller Foundation to fund Family and Children's Health Education Forums and Resources at the Miller Family Health Education Center in the amount of \$88,800, for the period from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, and increase appropriations in the Health Fund (SR 130) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) by \$88,800. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Earl B. and Loraine H. Miller Foundation has awarded the City of Long Beach an \$88,800 capacity-building grant to enhance family-centered health education programming and resources at the Miller Family Health Education Center (MFHEC).

Since its grand opening in March 2004, the MFHEC has been an asset that is heavily utilized as a community venue, which has enhanced the services of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and many community groups throughout Long Beach. The MFHEC has enabled the DHHS to expand community health education and health promotion programs, to increase trainings for health and social service professionals, and to host meetings and external programs that benefit the community. While the first year of operations of the MFHEC has been quite successful, there is great potential for the DHHS to increase health education services to Long Beach families, especially for low-income and vulnerable families and children.

The funding from the Miller Foundation will assist the DHHS in accomplishing the following goals of MFHEC operations: to increase the availability of health education forums/lecture series in a multilingual format for Long Beach families focusing on topics such as childhood obesity prevention, childhood dental health, and parenting education; to create a monthly calendar of health and social service focused events to be distributed in the community; to develop a user-friendly web page outlining MFHEC services and related community resources for children and families; to expand the MFHEC public health resource library;

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and to increase evaluation of facility usage and short-term impact of health education forums. The funding will support contract staff, materials and incentives, childcare and transportation to facilitate the community's engagement in health education programming.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on July 21, 2005 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on July 25, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is requested on August 2, 2005, to expedite full use of grant proceeds as the grant period began on July 1, 2005.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total amount of the agreement is \$88,800. An appropriation increase for this amount is included in the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER