



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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March 23, 2010

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the existing agreement between the City of Long Beach and the State of California Department of Health Services for the Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Supplement Program, to accept additional funding in the amount of \$208,000 through September 30, 2011. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Since 1974, the Department of Health and Human Services has operated the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Supplement Program for low-income families through a contract with the State of California Department of Health Services (DHS). This federal program provides nutrition education through in-group and individual counseling, supplemental food vouchers, breastfeeding support and health and social services referral to eligible participants through five WIC sites throughout the City. This program has been proven to be an effective method of promoting health for pregnant women and ensures that young children reach their full developmental potential.

On January 20, 2009, City Council approval was received for the WIC Program in the amount of \$15,845,000. On January 29, 2010, the DHS sent us notice of their intent to provide an additional \$208,000 in funding for this program, for a total funding of \$16,053,000 through September 30, 2011.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on March 3, 2010 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on March 8, 2010.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Council action is requested on March 23, 2010, in order to provide signed copies of the amendment agreement for the receipt of the additional funding to the DHS by April 2, 2010.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient appropriations exist in the Health Fund (SR 130) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) to support this activity. There is no City match, and no impact on the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

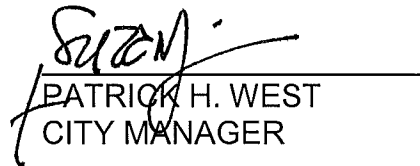
Approve the recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER