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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Los Angeles County Children and Families First – Proposition 10 Commission to conduct a planning process to improve pregnancy outcomes, for an amount of \$50,000 for a three-month period; and increase appropriations in the Health Fund (SR 130) and in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) by \$50,000. (Districts 1, 6, 7, and 9)

Los Angeles County Children and Families First – Proposition 10 Commission (First 5 L.A.) has recently awarded the City a Best Babies Collaborative Planning Grant as part of the Healthy Births Initiative. Under the agreement, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will work with local service providers, community-based agencies and healthcare organizations to build a coordinated and comprehensive network of providers and resources to promote and provide services to pregnant women and their families in an effort to improve pregnancy outcomes. The planning strategies will help link existing resources and strengthen the capacity of existing organizations already providing perinatal services in the area. The following eight focused and universal core approaches will be incorporated into the planning strategies to improve pregnancy and birth outcomes in the Long Beach target area: policy and advocacy, community building, health education and messaging, social support, prenatal care quality improvement, interconception care, outreach, and case management.

The vision of the First 5 L.A. Healthy Births Initiative is to optimize the health and well-being of each mother, child and family in Los Angeles County. Therefore, the planning grant will focus on ways of improving birth outcomes, such as increasing the number of babies who are carried to full-term, have a healthy birth weight, and are born appropriately developed.

The outcome of the planning grant will be a proposed work plan with goals, objectives, activities and action steps for the DHHS and the local network of providers to implement over a three-year period, from 2005 – 2008. The proposed work plan will be submitted to First 5 L.A. and the L.A. Best Babies Collaborative for funding consideration for the three-year implementation period.

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This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna Gwin on May 18, 2005 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on May 16, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Services under the agreement will commence on June 1, 2005. Therefore, City Council action is requested on May 24, 2005.


FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive an increase of grant revenues of approximately \$50,000 in the Health Fund (SR130) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) to be expended from June 1 through August 31, 2005. An appropriation increase of \$50,000 is included in the recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

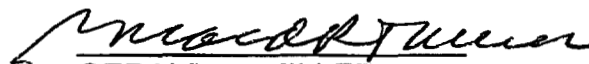
Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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