

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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March 1, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents with the State of California Department of Health Services to provide a Male Involvement Program, in an amount not to exceed \$450,000, for a four-and-a-half-year period, and increase appropriations in the Health Fund (SR 130) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) by \$150,000. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Since 1994, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has been providing teen pregnancy prevention services under grants from the State of California Department of Health Services, Office of Family Planning (State). Services have included: prevention education and informational presentations; education and support for teen parents, and parents and caregivers of adolescents; peer-provided services; clinic outreach; mentoring; and community awareness. Teen pregnancy prevention services are offered to all at-risk populations in the greater Long Beach area.

The overall purpose of the Male Involvement Program is to decrease the rate of unintended pregnancies in teens. The program strives to develop and increase the understanding of the role that males have in the prevention of pregnancies and increase community involvement in building healthy families through awareness of unintended teen pregnancies. The program has in the past utilized a pre/post test survey to assist in measuring the effectiveness of the program. In analyzing the data from past pre/post tests which were implemented from July 1999 to February 2003 with Male Involvement Program participants, we found that young males were more likely to report use of condoms or other forms of contraceptives from their last sexual encounter following completion of the program. Participants also indicated an increase in knowledge

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regarding the awareness of California's statutory rape law and about places where youth could obtain birth control. From July to December 2004, 554 young men received educational presentations or workshops, 418 were reached at community events, and 16 participated in service learning activities such as street clean-ups or graffiti removal.

The amount of the agreement is \$450,000 from January 1, 2005 through June 30, 2009.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on February 15, 2005 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on February 16, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

The DHHS has been providing services under this agreement since January 1, 2005, but cannot recover costs from the State until the agreement is approved. Therefore, City Council action is requested on March 1, 2005.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total amount of the agreement is \$450,000 for four-and-a-half years. An appropriation increase of \$150,000 is included in the recommended action below. The remaining \$300,000 will be appropriated through the budget adoption process for subsequent years.

SUGGESTED ACTION:


Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER