



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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August 2, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents and any subsequent amendments with the Office of Traffic Safety to provide youth drinking driver prevention services in an amount of \$164,754 for the period of two years. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The City of Long Beach has been awarded a new two-year grant from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in the amount of \$164,754. The purpose of the grant is to implement a Youth Drinking Driver Prevention Program in the City of Long Beach.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Drinking Driver Program is working in a collaborative partnership to implement a Youth Drinking Driver Prevention Coalition. The Coalition is made up of representatives from the DHHS, Police Department, Long Beach Unified School District and State Alcohol and Beverage Control, as well as interested parents. The grant targets the prevention of underage drinking and driving in cooperation with the Coalition.

The Coalition will: 1) assist in the design of the prevention program in partnership with media, law enforcement, courts, civic organizations, employers, and health providers; help in increasing awareness in youth regarding the dangers of underage drinking and driving; and, 3) challenge the youth to find ways to warn their peers and younger students about the dangers of drinking and driving.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on July 18, 2005 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on July 19, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on August 2, 2005, as the DHHS will be providing services under this agreement starting October 1, 2005.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive grant revenues of \$164,754 for the two-year grant period of October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2007. These grant funds will fully cover the cost of providing all services by the Department of Health and Human Services, Drinking Driver Program. Sufficient funds are included in the Department's proposed budget to support this new program.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER