



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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September 12, 2006

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

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, Outreach and Leadership programs at the Miller Family Health Education Center in the amount of \$88,000, for the period from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, and increase appropriations in the Health Fund (SR 130) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) by \$88,000. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Earl B. and Loraine H. Miller Foundation (Miller Foundation) has awarded the City of Long Beach an \$88,000 grant to expand family-centered health education programming at the Miller Family Health Education Center (MFHEC), and to increase outreach to promote these services in the community.

This grant program will build on a 2005-2006 grant from the Miller Foundation, which funded monthly health education forums, the development and upkeep of an MFHEC website, and the expansion of the public health resource library. Last year's funding from the Miller Foundation made it possible for the City's Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) to fulfill many of its initial goals for the MFHEC, including expanding opportunities for limited English speaking and low-income families to access health education programs and services. There were a total of 580 participant visits to the 12 health education forums that were provided in a multilingual format. More than 300 on-site childcare visits were provided during the forums and transportation services for more than 100 families were provided to enable families to take part in the events.

The 2006-2007 funding from the Miller Foundation will enable the Health Department to continue to hold health education forums that focus on children's health and to maintain the MFHEC website which provides current information on resources at the MFHEC and in the community. The grant will also fund new elements including: the development and implementation of a training course for parents on utilization of the Internet to access parent resources and information; the development of a children's health advisory group composed of a core group of active parents who will receive leadership training; and regular outreach to community agencies to promote the available programs and resources of the MFHEC. The funding will support one staff position, 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 August 29, 2006 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on August 31, 2006.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is requested on September 12, 2006, to expend full use of grant proceeds.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total amount of the agreement is \$88,000. An appropriation increase for this amount is included in the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR
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APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER