



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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September 6, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
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## RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents with the County of Los Angeles to provide for bioterrorism preparedness and public health infrastructure development and to accept funding in the amount of \$1,569,248 for a one-year period. (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

Since 2002, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has awarded the County of Los Angeles (County) funding for bioterrorism preparedness and public health infrastructure development to provide for response support to a bioterrorist threat or other similar public health emergency in the County. The County has requested a new agreement to continue these services for an additional year. This agreement allows for continued funding in the sum of \$1,187,655 for bioterrorism preparedness in the following areas: response coordination, epidemiology and surveillance, biological and chemical public health laboratory capacity, technology and communication enhancements, risk communication and health education services. This award has been augmented by \$381,593 as a component of the Cities Readiness Initiative. These additional funds will enhance the capacity of the City's Department of Health and Human Services' capacity to provide treatment remedies to city residents in the event of a biological incident.

To date, the CDC funds have provided critical infrastructure improvements to the City's public health capacity, including:

1. Renovation of the City's public health laboratory to include new molecular instrumentation for highly sensitive testing of a broader range of biological agents. Additionally, the Lab renovation includes enhanced safety and security measures.
2. Development of comprehensive response plans including epidemiology and laboratory response, Strategic National Stockpile, smallpox vaccination, and pandemic influenza.

3. Workforce development through the training of staff on plans and exercising specific job action sheets/position resource guides using the incident command system structure.

4. Comprehensive development of technology/communications infrastructure plans which interface with local hospitals, the County, State of California Department of Health Services, and other City Departments, which allows for the early identification of potential outbreaks and public health emergencies.

5. Stronger collaboration among City Departments to achieve unified goals in response efforts. This collaboration can be measured by participation in trainings and exercises and utilizing human resources and subject matter experts from various Departments for input on planning efforts.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on August 23, 2005 and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on August 26, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on September 6, 2005, as the agreement began on August 31, 2005,


FISCAL IMPACT

The total amount of the agreement is \$1,569,248. Funds will be appropriated in conjunction with the adoption of the FY 06 budget. No match of funds is required for this grant.

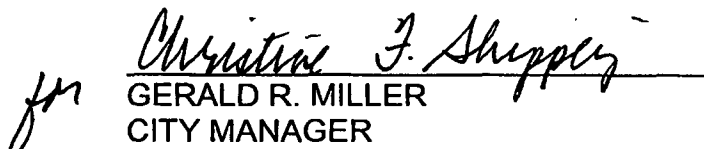
SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:

  
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CITY MANAGER