

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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July 2, 2019

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and all necessary documents and any amendments amending the terms, extending the grant period, or increasing grant amounts with the California Department of Public Health Tuberculosis Control Branch, to receive and expend grant funding in the amount of \$198,352, plus an allotment of up to \$11,679, for a total amount of \$210,031, for tuberculosis prevention and control activities, for a period of one year, with the option to extend the agreement for four additional one-year periods. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

As a local health jurisdiction, the City of Long Beach Health and Human Services Department (Health Department) receives Tuberculosis (TB) Control Local Assistance funding to meet the critical mandate of TB control. These funds have been used to support core public health TB control through preventive therapy, diagnosis and treatment of active TB disease, and to conduct contact investigations to limit the spread of the disease. The Food, Shelter, Incentives and Enablers (FSIE) allotment is used to enhance treatment adherence, prevent homelessness, and allow the use of less restrictive alternatives that decrease or prevent the need for civil detention.

The California Department of Public Health, TB Control Branch, has granted the Health Department a base award of \$198,352, and an allotment of up to \$11,679 for Food, Shelter, Incentives and Enablers (FSIE) expenditures. These funds are awarded to carry out TB prevention and control activities.

TB is a severe health threat globally. According to the World Health Organization, approximately one-third of the world's population is infected with the bacteria that causes TB. In 2018, Long Beach had 26 cases of TB, 11 TB suspects and 2 TB transfer cases that were followed with treatment. In addition, 252 contacts to TB were investigated. To date in 2019, there have been 6 confirmed TB cases, 3 TB suspects, and 1 transfer case that is being followed with TB treatment.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Taylor M. Anderson on June 14, 2019 and by Revenue Management Officer Geraldine Alejo on June 13, 2019.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on July 2, 2019, to continue the program without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive a base award of \$198,352, plus an allotment of up to \$11,679, for a total grant award amount of \$210,031 to reimburse program expenditures. Sufficient funds are currently appropriated in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department. No match or in-kind service mandate is required. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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KELLY OLOPY DIRECTOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:

PATRICK H. WEST CITY MANAGER