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**Title:** Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute agreements, and all necessary subsequent documents or subsequent amendments, including amending the award amount, with Florence Crittenton of Orange County, to accept and expend grant funding in the amount of \$657,492 for the Safe Children and Strong Families Program, contingent upon the approval of the County of Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, with the option to extend the agreement for three additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the City Manager; and

Increase appropriations in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department by \$657,492, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)

Levine Act: Yes

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**Levine Act: Yes**

Florence Crittenton of Orange County (Crittenton) will subcontract with the City of Long Beach (City) Health and Human Services Department (Health Department) for Safe Children and Strong Families (SCSF) program services, contingent upon receipt of a fully executed contract with the Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). The purpose of the SCSF Program is to ensure the physical, emotional, social, and educational

development of children in safe and nurturing environments.

Crittenton seeks to partner with the Health Department to improve the lives of children and families in the greater Long Beach area. Health Department staff will: 1) provide case management services for Crittenton referred cases, 2) coordinate, monitor and report on referred client caseload to Crittenton, and 3) provide Crittenton with the required case management information to attest to the improvement in the lives of children and families' experiencing violence and/or neglect in their homes. The Health Department has provided family preservation services for over 20 years and is positioned to continue forging pathways to ensure that families are safe and healthy.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Taylor M. Anderson on March 7, 2023 and by Budget Analysis Officer, Greg Sorensen, on March 22, 2023.

City Council action is requested on April 11, 2023 to allow the Health Department to begin the program as soon as possible.

#### LEVINE ACT

This item is subject to the Levine Act. The Mayor, Councilmembers, and Commissioners who have received a contribution of more than \$250 within 12 months prior from a party, participant, or their representatives involved in this proceeding may do either of the following: (1) disclose the contribution on the record and recuse themselves from this proceeding; OR (2) return the portion of the contribution that exceeds \$250 within 30 days from the time the elected official knew or should have known about the contribution and participate in the proceeding.

All parties, participants, and their representatives must disclose on the record of this proceeding any contribution of more than \$250 made to the Mayor or any Councilmembers within 12 months prior to the date of the proceeding. The Mayor, Councilmembers, and Commissioners are prohibited from accepting, soliciting, or directing a contribution of more than \$250 from a party, participant, or their representatives during a proceeding and for 12 months following the date a final decision is rendered.

The City will receive grant funding in an amount up to \$657,492 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. An appropriation increase is requested in the amount of \$657,492 in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department, offset by grant revenue. There is no match or in-kind service mandate 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.

Approve recommendation.

KELLY COLOPY  
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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:

THOMAS B. MODICA  
CITY MANAGER