



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager to execute all necessary documents with the State of California Department of Health Services to provide teen pregnancy services under the Community Challenge Grant Program, execute the Third Amendments to Agreement Nos. 28131, 28132, and 28155 to extend the term, and execute new agreements with Centro Cha and The Children's Clinic for a one year period; and increase appropriations in the Health Fund (SR 130) and in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) by \$210,000.
(Citywide)

Since 1994, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has been providing teen pregnancy prevention services under the Community Challenge Grant from the State of California Department of Health Services, Office of Family Planning (State). Services have included: prevention education and informational presentations; education and support for teen parents, and parents and caregivers of adolescents; peer-provided services; clinic outreach; mentoring; and community awareness. Teen pregnancy prevention services are offered to all at-risk populations in the greater Long Beach area. The overall purpose of the program is to promote and support the well-being, health, and development of Long Beach's youth. Goals of the program include reducing teen and unintended pregnancies, promoting the roles of males in the prevention of these pregnancies, and increasing community involvement in building healthy families through awareness of teen unintended pregnancies. Since the inception of this program, thousands of Long Beach youth have received pregnancy prevention information, clinic referrals, service learning, and mentoring services. Under the agreement, \$1,050,000 has been provided for five years beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2010.

Research released in July 2004 (most recent evaluation study) indicates that both decreased sexual activity and increased contraceptive use are equal contributors to the decline in teen pregnancy rates between 1991 and 2001. Long Beach has seen a steady decline in the last 5 years in adolescent female birth rates (ages 15-19), with rates decreasing from 80 births per 1,000 youth in 1998 to 48 births per 1,000 youths in 2002 (most recent data from State available).

The Community Challenge Grant Program has made contributions to the decline in teen pregnancy rates through referrals made for family planning services (contraceptives, pregnancy testing, STD testing) and by raising awareness in the community of the consequences of unintended pregnancy.

Additionally, the provision of services under the program involves various subcontractors who were selected based on their ability to provide required services meeting the needs of the community. In order to provide services for the new contract year, three previous agreements will need to be extended and two new agreements will need to be executed for one year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006. The amendments and new agreements requested are as follows: (chart available on original letter)

City Council authorization is requested on July 19, 2005, as the DHHS began providing services under this agreement on July 1 2005 but cannot recover costs from the State until the amendment is approved.

The amount of the agreement is \$210,000 per year for five years for a total of \$1,050,000. An appropriation increase of \$21 0 000 for the first year is included in the recommendation. Funding for future grant years will be appropriated through the annual budget process.

Approve recommendation.

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