



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager or designee to execute an agreement between the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services and the California Department of Public Health for the continuation of the provision of immunization services in the amount of \$346,704 for the period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, and execute any other necessary documents or subsequent amendments to extend the contract or increase the reimbursement amount. (Citywide)

Since 1993, the Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) has received funding from the State of California Department of Health Services (State) to supplement local childhood immunization programs and services. The goal of the Health Department Immunization Program is to increase the immunization rates of children and to decrease the occurrence of vaccine-preventable diseases in Long Beach. The target objectives are that 90 percent of the two-year-olds in Long Beach will be vaccinated with all of the recommended pediatric doses of vaccines by the year 2010 and at least 95 percent of new enrollees into public and private schools in Long Beach will be up-to-date. Currently, 75 percent of two-year-olds have received all of the recommended vaccines. This percentage has increased significantly from 40 percent in 1993. Additionally, in 2007, 95 percent of Long Beach kindergarten enrollees were fully immunized by the first day of school.

Immunization Program Activities

The Health Department will use this award to continue to provide and coordinate local immunization program activities. These funds will be utilized by the Health Department for the provision of the following services: immunization education for providers, parents and the community; outreach to target populations; supplemental staffing at the Health Department immunization clinics; annual pre-school, Head Start and kindergarten immunization records assessments; quality assurance reviews in public clinics and selected private provider offices; provider recruitment and local coordination of the webbased immunization registry; case management for hepatitis B prevention; outreach and clinic interventions to promote and provide recently developed new vaccines for adults and children; and recall/reminder systems to ensure on-time receipt of immunizations. The Immunization Program also coordinates the annual flu vaccine campaign which conducts clinics for people over age 60 and those with chronic medical conditions.

A portion of this funding (\$65,000) will be used to fund immunization services provided by The Children's Clinic here in Long Beach.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on November 6, 2008 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on November 10, 2008.

Although the term of this agreement commences on July 1, 2008, execution of this agreement was delayed by the State agency due to State budgetary issues. City Council action on this matter is requested on December 2, 2008 as services under this agreement began on July 1, 2008.

The City will receive grant revenues in the amount of \$346,704 to offset expenditures of the same amount. Funds are currently appropriated in the Health Fund (SR 130) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HE). There will be no impact on the General Fund.

Approve recommendation.

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