



## Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement between the City of Long Beach and Kaiser Foundation Hospitals in the amount of \$10,000 for the Long Beach Health Department Learning Garden Planning Grant for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, and any subsequent amendments that extend the contract or increase funding levels for the project. (Citywide)

Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, South Bay (Kaiser) has awarded the City of Long Beach a \$10,000 grant to support the development of a Community Health Learning Garden to enhance current health promotion programming and support Kaiser's emphasis on obesity and overweight prevention.

The Health Department and Kaiser have a successful history of working together to implement activities and initiatives that create healthier environments for Long Beach residents. With this current planning grant, the Health Department will develop plans for a learning garden that will educate community members about healthy lifestyle choices and, in turn, reduce the risk of obesity and other chronic diseases. The learning garden curriculum will act as a teaching tool for the Health Department to demonstrate how to grow fresh produce, to improve community members' dietary intake and to increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables. Specifically, the funding will support the creation of a Garden Planning Committee, the design of the garden and planting schedule, a Health Department garden curriculum, and an implementation plan. The Health Department will then be eligible to apply for additional funding from Kaiser during the next grant cycle to implement the learning garden program.

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Vu on November 18, 2013 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on November 21, 2013.

City Council action is requested on December 10, 2013 in order to expeditiously start this project.

The total amount of this agreement for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 is \$10,000. Sufficient funds are currently appropriated in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE). There is no City match required, and no local job impact associated with this action.

Approve recommendation.

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DIRECTOR  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:

PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER