



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and any subsequent amendments, with British Petroleum West Coast Products, LLC in the amount of \$377,902 for the Community Asthma and Air Quality Resource Education Program to address conditions caused or exacerbated by both indoor and outdoor air pollution; and increase appropriations in the Health Fund (SR 130) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) by the same amount. (Citywide)

British Petroleum West Coast Products, LLC (BP) has awarded the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services \$377,902 to support the implementation of the Community Asthma and Air Quality Resource Education (CAARE) Program. The term of the agreement is April 1, 2009 through March 30, 2010.

The goal of the CAARE Program is to assist Long Beach residents in the reduction and/or elimination of housing-based hazards that may contribute to asthma, allergies, or respiratory illnesses, with an emphasis on West Long Beach residents.

Numerous studies have validated the efficacy of health education interventions to address asthma, allergies, and other respiratory illnesses similar to those implemented with the recently completed United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Healthy Homes Program. In the proposed CAARE program, education is tailored to identify hazards within each participant's home, including specialized instruction on the reduction or elimination of conditions that may exacerbate asthma, allergies and/or respiratory illness where there is a family member with respiratory illness. It will provide an opportunity to expand the previously established tenant outreach program and workshops to West Long Beach, an area significantly impacted by numerous air pollution sources (such as the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, the 710 and 405 Freeways, numerous refineries and heavy industry). In addition, the CAARE Program will implement program activities including media related activities, and the use of advanced technology services to build stronger community partnerships.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on February 2, 2009 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on February 9, 2009.

Action on this item is not time critical.

The City will receive grant revenues of \$377,902 to offset expenditures of the same amount. An appropriations increase in the amount of \$377,902 is requested in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) and in the Health Fund (SR 130) and has been included in the recommendation. There is no impact on the General Fund.

Approve recommendation.

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