



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager to execute an agreement, and any subsequent amendments, with British Petroleum West Coast Products, LLC in the amount of \$500,000 for the Community Asthma and Air Quality Resource Education Program to address conditions caused or exacerbated by both indoor and outdoor air pollution throughout Long Beach, with a primary focus in West Long Beach. (Citywide)

British Petroleum West Coast Products, LLC has awarded the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services \$500,000 to support the implementation of the Community Asthma and Air Quality Resource Education (CAARE) Program. The term of the agreement is April 1, 2008 through March 30, 2009.

The goal of the CAARE Program is to assist West Long Beach residents in the reduction and/or elimination of housing-based hazards that may contribute to asthma, allergies, or respiratory illnesses. In addition CAARE Program educational materials will be available citywide.

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 (HUD) Healthy Homes Program. In the new CAARE Program, education is tailored to identify hazards within each participant's home, including specialized instruction for 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 throughout the City with a primary focus on 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 use of advanced technology services to build stronger community partnerships.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on May 28, 2008 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on May 30, 2008.

City council action on this matter is not time critical.

The City will receive grant revenues of \$500,000 to offset expenditures of the same amount. Sufficient funds are budgeted in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) and in the Health Fund (SR 130). There is no City match and no impact to the General Fund.

Approve recommendation.

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APPROVED:

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