



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents between the City of Long Beach and the County of Los Angeles to accept funding in the amount of \$927,437, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 to provide bioterrorism preparedness and public health infrastructure development. (Citywide)

Since 2002, the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has awarded the County of Los Angeles (County) funding for bioterrorism preparedness and public health infrastructure development to provide for response support to a bioterrorist threat or other public health emergency in Long Beach. Subsequently, the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) was awarded a sole source agreement by the County to further develop our Public Health Preparedness and Response for Bioterrorism capabilities.

The County is providing \$927,437 in funding to enhance the Health Department's ability to respond to evolving public health threats and to strengthen infrastructure through development of functions and resources under 15 Public Health Preparedness Capabilities (with an option to extend the contract for four additional one-year terms through June 30, 2017, contingent upon the availability of funds). This funding will allow the City to participate in a comprehensive regional risk and hazard assessment; develop a strategic plan to guide annual and long-term preparedness; enhance testing capacity of biological and chemical agents; and continue training and exercise programs that include issues related to aerosolized biological agent attacks, communicable disease control, pandemic influenza and food terrorism. Funding will also allow the Health Department to provide educational support to the community for family disaster preparedness, communicable diseases, and other related biological and natural hazards/disasters, including Pandemic Influenza.

This matter has been reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on July 11, 2012 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on July 16, 2012.

City Council action is requested on August 14, 2012 in order to continue this program without interruption.

The total amount of the agreement is \$927,437. Sufficient funds are currently budgeted in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE). There is no City match of funds required, no impact to the General Fund and no net impact to jobs associated with this action.

Approve recommendation.

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APPROVED:

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