



## Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute any necessary documents or amendments to the current agreement between the City of Long Beach and the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS, in the amount of \$667,130, for the provision of HIV/AIDS health care services for the period of July 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014. (Citywide)

For the past 25 years, the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS (State) has contracted with the City, through the Department of Health and Human Services, to provide the HIV Care Program (HCP), formally known as the HIV Early Intervention Program (EIP). The HCP provides quality of life enhancement to those individuals infected with, and affected by, HIV. Integrated into the HCP services is the Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) which provides additional funding to assist to prevent further transmission and reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS on racial and ethnic minorities.

The HCP provides comprehensive medical services including diagnostic testing, case management, health education, treatment coordination and advocacy, counseling and specialty referrals and other direct linkages to outside services as needed. The MAI portion of these services include treatment adherence, outreach, risk reduction and other services which assist HIV infected individuals with overcoming barriers that prevent linkage to and transition into care. Additionally the MAI brings individuals who have been newly diagnosed with HIV/AIDS, into medical care and assists those who fall out of care to overcome barriers and return to care. These funds also provide for enhanced partner counseling and referral services. These new funds will increase our client caseload by 100 unduplicated clients per year. The City of Long Beach still maintains a high incidence and rate of HIV disease, which necessitates and depends on this ongoing funding.

This matter 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, as the Health Department has been providing services under this contract since July 1, 2013, but will be unable to recover costs until the agreements are approved. Delays at the State level have kept this amendment from being executed earlier.

The City will receive up to \$667,130 for the period of July 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014. 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.

KELLY COLOPY  
DIRECTOR

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:

PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER