



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager to execute all documents and subsequent amendments between the City of Long Beach, through its Department of Health and Human Services, and the State of California, through its California Department of Public Health, to provide funding in the amount of \$870,002 for continuation of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) for a period of three years (Fiscal Years 2012 through 2014). (Citywide)

Since 1991, the California Department of Public Health has contracted with the City of Long Beach to provide Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) funds for outreach, education and case management services.

CLPPP receives approximately 400-600 laboratory reports per month from the State of California Laboratory with the results of local Long Beach children who were screened for lead poisoning. In 2010, 2 children were poisoned by lead and eight children had lead levels high enough to cause health impairment for the child. In addition, there were 96 children who showed low levels of lead exposure and who received outreach and education services from CLPPP staff.

The City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) will continue to coordinate case management services for Long Beach children exposed to environmental lead hazards. Services include home visits by health staff who provide a personalized assessment of each child's health, physical environment, nutritional needs and parental education to address the hazards of lead sources in the environment, while suggesting actions needed to prevent further exposure. Health Department staff work closely with each child's health care provider to facilitate consultation information and to confirm the ongoing monitoring of the child's health. Case management activities also include referrals to other medical and social services, registered dietitian consultation, management of patient records and filing of required State case reports.

Program goals include outreach to local physicians to provide them with information about current studies, practices and changes in lead screening protocol for children at risk for lead poisoning. In addition, CLPPP staff will provide the public with educational presentations and materials in languages used by the community, including Spanish, English and Khmer. Staff also collaborates with health care providers, the Long Beach Unified School District, Health Department programs, the City's Development Services Department, community based organizations, local hardware and paint stores, and childcare providers to inform the community of the hazards of lead exposure to the children of Long Beach. Outreach and education efforts also focus on reaching the residents of densely populated neighborhoods that have a high percentage of older housing stock in which paint, soil and dust contain high levels of lead. Where eligible, efforts to remove or control lead hazards are coordinated with the Health Department's HUD Lead Hazard Control Program.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on February 9, 2012 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on February 10, 2012.

City Council action is requested on March 6, 2012, in order to continue the program without interruption.

The City will receive grant revenues in the amount of \$870,002, to offset expenditures of the same amount from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014. Sufficient funds are budgeted in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) in the Health Fund (SR 130). Future years' funds will be budgeted through the City's annual budget process. There is no City Match and no impact to the General Fund.

Approve recommendation.

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APPROVED:

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