



## Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and all necessary documents and any amendments changing the amount of the award or extending the grant term, with the California Department of Public Health Office of AIDS, to accept and expend grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$5,765,194, for the provision of HIV/AIDS health care services, for the period of April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2024. (Citywide)

For the past 31 years, the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS (State) has contracted with the City, through the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department), to provide the HIV Care Program (HCP), formally known as the HIV Early Intervention Program. 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 in preventing further transmission and reducing the impact of HIV/AIDS on racial and ethnic minorities. The State has combined funding for the HCP and MAI programs into a single grant.

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. 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 Taylor M. Anderson on June 13, 2019 and by Revenue Management Officer Geraldine Alejo on June 14, 2019.

City Council action on this matter is requested on July 2, 2019, as the Health Department has been providing services since April 1, 2019 but is unable to recover costs until the agreement is approved.

The City will receive grant funding up to \$5,765,194 for the period of April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2024, for the provision of HIV/AIDS health care services. Sufficient funds are currently appropriated for the current fiscal year in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department. Subsequent years appropriation will be requested during the annual budget process, offset by grant revenues. No match or in-kind service mandate is

required. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

Approve recommendation.

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APPROVED:

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CITY MANAGER