



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

# R-13

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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November 10, 2015

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

## RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents and any subsequent amendments between the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Family Assistance, and the City of Long Beach to receive grant funding in the amount of \$5,437,465, for the Life Coaching & the Fundamentals of Fatherhood Project for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2020; execute all necessary documents and agreements with partner agencies; and increase appropriations in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Health and Human Services Department (HE) by \$753,905. (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

The United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Family Assistance (HHS), has awarded the City of Long Beach a \$5,437,465 grant to support the Department of Health and Human Services' (Health Department) Life Coaching and the Fundamentals of Fatherhood Project (LCFFP) for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2020.

The LCFFP is a program that integrates public health, social services, workforce development and evidence-based practices to ensure that children are healthy, safe and emotionally secure. Together with five partners, including, but not limited to: Parents Anonymous, Inc.; Families Uniting Families; Goodwill Serving the People of Southern California; UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families & Communities; and Prevention Research Center at Pennsylvania State University, the LCFFP aims to reduce family conflict and enhance family stability; increase fathers' economic stability to financially provide for a child's well-being; and establish a citywide fatherhood response network to sustain project impacts.

The LCFFP will enroll 600 low-income first-time adult fathers (aged 18-44) from high-need areas in the City of Long Beach to engage in 12-months of bi-weekly life coaching sessions plus case management, 13-weeks of fatherhood fundamentals and co-parenting group sessions, and workforce development, including skills training, job placement, and financial literacy.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Vu on October 20, 2015 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on October 22, 2015.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is requested on November 10, 2015 to commence the program as soon as possible. The program's grant period is October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Life Coaching & the Fundamentals of Fatherhood Project grant award is \$5,437,465 for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2020. An appropriation increase in the amount of \$753,905 is requested in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Health and Human Services Department (HE) for FY16 program costs. Subsequent year appropriations will be requested through the annual budget process. No match or in-kind service mandate is required. Due to grant requirements and objectives, three new positions within the Community Health Bureau will support these services.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:

  
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PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER