



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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December 4, 2012

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement and any subsequent amendments between the City of Long Beach and the University of California San Diego, for the term of April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013, with the option of up to three one-year extensions based on funding availability, in the amount of \$206,700, to participate in a California HIV/AIDS Research Program (CHRP) study assessing linkage, engagement, and retention to care to reduce the transmission of HIV; and increase appropriations in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) in the amount of \$206,700. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Health Department has been approached by the University of California San Diego (UCSD) to participate in the California HIV/AIDS Research Program. This program is a multi-site research project to assess the effectiveness of linking newly diagnosed, HIV-infected persons to treatment and counseling services to reduce further transmission of HIV disease. The sites invited to participate include the Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department), the University of California San Diego and the San Diego County Health Department.

If accepted, the Health Department will receive \$206,700 from the University of California, San Diego, for the period of April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013 to provide HIV counseling and testing services to those individuals at risk for HIV and link-eligible individuals to disease prevention services and treatment. Long Beach ranks sixth in the State of California for cumulative AIDS cases and eighth for cumulative HIV cases. With a cumulative incidence rate of 1,330.65 AIDS cases per 100,000 residents (1981 through December 31, 2011), Long Beach's AIDS incidence rate per capita is 100 percent higher than the incident rate for all of Los Angeles County (601.64 cases per 100,000) and more than double the rate for the State overall (437.88 cases per 100,000) indicating that AIDS continues to be a significant public health issue in the City of Long Beach. This grant would enable the Health Department to test novel biomedical interventions to reduce the transmission of HIV among high-risk groups and attenuate the new HIV infections in the community. It is anticipated that this funding will continue through 2016, in the amount of \$206,700 annually.

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This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on October 24, 2012.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Due to the short time frame of this contract, City Council action on this matter is requested on December 4, 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed agreement will provide necessary funds to support program activities in the amount of \$206,700. An appropriations increase in the amount of \$206,700 in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) is included in the recommendation. One FTE Registered Nurse non-career position and two Community Worker non-career positions will be hired to fulfill grant requirements. There is no City match, and no impact to the General Fund associated with the recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER