



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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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 United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the amount of \$2,500 for participation in the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards. (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

Beginning in 1996, and refined by subsequent drafts through 2002, FDA Program Standards were developed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration with input from federal, state, and local regulatory officials, industry, trade associations, academia, and consumers to assist in providing uniformity to local health department retail food programs.

These program standards serve as a nationwide guide for regulatory retail food program managers in the design and management of retail food regulatory programs, and provide recognition for those programs meeting these standards. They reinforce proper sanitation, operational and environmental programs while encouraging regulatory agencies and industry to focus on the factors that cause food-borne illness.

The FDA has offered funding in the amount of \$2,500 for the Department of Health and Human Services to participate in a voluntary self-assessment process which will evaluate program policies and procedures, comparing them to current program standards, and determine where best to allocate limited staff resources to focus on the factors that cause food-borne illness.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on July 21, 2011 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on July 25, 2011.

## TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive funding in the amount of \$2,500 to offset expenditures of the same amount. Sufficient funds are currently budgeted in the Health Fund (SR 130) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HE). There is no City match, no impact on the General Fund, and no net impact to jobs associated with the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



RONALD R. ARIAS, DIRECTOR  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER