



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

SUBJECT: Authorization to Submit a Grant Application to the State of California Department of Health Services, Office of Family Planning, for the Community Challenge Grant (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Since 1994, the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has been providing teen pregnancy prevention services under grants from the State of California Department of Health Services, Office of Family Planning (State). Services have included: prevention education and informational presentation; education and support for teen parents, and parents and caregivers of adolescents; peer provided services; clinic outreach; mentoring; and community awareness. Teen pregnancy prevention services are offered to all at-risk populations in the greater Long Beach area.

The overall purpose of the Community Challenge Grant (CCG) is to fund prevention and health education program activities that address the problem of teen and unintended pregnancies. The primary focus of the CCG program is to promote community-based partnerships for the development of effective strategies to prevent teenage and unwed pregnancy and fatherlessness resulting from these pregnancies.

The CCG program has contributed to the decline in teen birth rates in Long Beach. In 1998, the adolescent birth rate for females ages 15-19 years in Long Beach was 80.4 (per 1,000). By 2002, the teen birth rate was reduced to 48.1. However, Long Beach's teen birth rate is still high compared to the State's teen birth rate of 41.6. During fiscal year 2004, the CCG program performed 1,173 referrals to teens for health-related services; the Peer Advocates distributed 3,055 role model newsletters; and 213 Long Beach high school students completed the Life Skills Training Workshops. In the past, through outreach and community events, the Community Challenge Grant has reached over 2,500 youth annually, over 50 percent of which were African American or Latino.

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City Council approval is requested for the City to apply for up to \$250,000 (per year) for a 60-month period beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2010. These funds are contingent upon annual appropriations in the State budget. These funds will be used to continue the provision of teen pregnancy prevention services in Long Beach.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on November 22, 2004 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on November 24, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on December 7, 2004, as the DHHS must respond to the Request for Applications by December 14, 2004.

FISCAL IMPACT

If awarded, the grant is estimated to be between \$175,000 and \$250,000 annually for the 60-month period, commencing July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2010. Should DHHS be awarded the grant funding, a budget adjustment will be requested under separate cover.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Authorize the City Manager to submit a grant application to the State of California Department of Health Services, Office of Family Planning, for the Community Challenge Grant, and execute all necessary documents upon receipt of funding.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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