

CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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August 22, 2006

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement and all necessary documents with the State of California Department of Health Services in an amount not to exceed \$235,436 for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness, and to authorize the City Manager to execute a first amendment to agreement number 29402 and all necessary documents with Los Angeles County in an amount not to exceed \$1,709,873 for Public Health Preparedness and Response for Bioterrorism, Cities Readiness Initiative, and Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response; and to increase appropriations in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) of \$376,061. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

On June 20, 2006, the City Council approved acceptance of \$65,307 from the State to commence pandemic influenza preparedness. The 2007 State of California Budget included an allocation of State General Funds to local health jurisdictions to continue this effort. The City has been awarded \$235,436 to be used to develop the local jurisdiction's pandemic influenza preparedness and response plan consistent with State guidance, develop public health laboratory capacity, develop risk communication messages, improve disease surveillance and epidemiology, and develop plans for use of quarantine and medicine distribution.

The year 2007 will be the fifth year the City has been awarded a sole source agreement by Los Angeles County for Public Health Preparedness and Response for Bioterrorism (\$1,187,655). This year also includes our second award for Cities Readiness Initiative (\$381,593) funding and a new pass-through of a federal award for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness funding (\$140,625). These funds will be used to further expand testing capacity for biological and chemical agents, continue our training and exercise programs to include workshops, tabletop and functional exercises for issues related to aerosolized biological agent attacks, communicable disease control, pandemic influenza and food terrorism, to expand our risk communication plans, complete a biohazard detection exercise with the United States Postal Service, and continue to provide educational support to the community for West Nile Virus, family disaster preparedness, and other related biological and natural hazards/disasters, including Pandemic Influenza.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on August 14, 2006 and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on August 15, 2006.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is requested on August 22, 2006, to facilitate commencement of projects supported by the funding.

FISCAL IMPACT

Of the total \$1,945,309 in County and State funding for the Public Health Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism, Cities readiness Initiative, and Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response programs, \$1,569,249 has been included in the FY 07 Proposed Budget. An appropriation increase of \$376,061 is therefore required for the remaining amount in the Health Fund (SR 130) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HE), and is included in the recommendation above.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

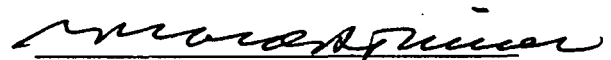
Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER