

May 16, 2023

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to amend Contract No. 34880, including any subsequent amendments to extend the term of the agreement or the grant award, with the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health, for public health emergency preparedness and response services, to accept and expend additional funding in the amount of \$1,821,203 for a total grant award of \$51,216,599. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

On September 12, 2017, the City Council approved to enter into a contract with the County of Los Angeles (County), Department of Public Health in the amount of \$898,411, to provide bioterrorism preparedness and public health infrastructure development, for the period of July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, with the option to renew for four additional one-year terms through June 30, 2022. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the County of Los Angeles delayed the onset of a new five-year agreement with the City of Long Beach, opting to extend the existing public health agreement, including the introduction of new and vital funds like the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) grants and Public Health Crisis Workforce Development grants that aided the Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) in mitigating the pandemic.

The Health Department is requesting an extension to the existing contract with the County, to allow for the acceptance of \$964,192 for bioterrorism response for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, and an additional \$857,011 to assist for outbreak response in schools, nursing homes, and long-term care facilities. The County will initiate a new five-year agreement next year that will take effect July 1, 2024.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Taylor M. Anderson on June 25, 2023, and by Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on May 1, 2023.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on May 16, 2023, to continue the many projects supported by this funding without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City received up to \$51,216,599 in grant funding for the period of July 1, 2017, through April 30, 2023, of which \$45,679,135 has been for COVID-19 response, ELC Enhancing Detection, ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion, Crisis Public Health Workforce Development, ELC Schools Reopening, and ELC Nursing Home and Long-term Care Facility Strike Teams, and \$5,537,464 has been for public health emergency preparedness and response services. These funds have been previously authorized by the City Council. Sufficient appropriation exists in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. No match or in-kind service mandate is required, and there is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER