



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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February 12, 2013

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents between the City of Long Beach and the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) to accept funding in the amount of \$4,000 to provide capacity building funds for the Long Beach Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) for the period of January 5, 2013 through July 31, 2013. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Since 2002, the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) has been the recipient of funding from Federal and State grants for bioterrorism preparedness and public health infrastructure development. The Health Department has also been permitted to use these funds to prepare for other types of public health emergencies, such as pandemic influenza or extreme temperature emergencies. In order to expand the Health Department's capacity to respond to these emergencies, the discipline of public health is expected to rely on the participation of volunteer physicians, nurses, health educators and other professional and lay volunteers. It is the Health Department's intent to ensure that we have our volunteer force prepared in advance of any emergency, including training and pre-credentialing requirements.

In June 2007, the Office of the Surgeon General approved the establishment of the Long Beach Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). The MRC provides a framework to establish this voluntary public health response team. The Health Department submitted an application to the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) to receive funding to support the existing structure of the Long Beach MRC. The new funding allocation of \$4,000, along with previously awarded set-aside funds in the amount of \$9,620, will be used to train the MRC members, maximize recruitment, provide identification badges and purchase other supplies.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Vu on January 24, 2013 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on January 28, 2013.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on February 12, 2013, as funding will be allocated to the Health Department once the contract is approved and sent to NACCHO.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The total amount of the agreement is \$4,000. Sufficient appropriations are currently budgeted in the Health Fund (SR 130) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HE). There is no fiscal or local jobs impact associated with this action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



SUSAN PRICE
ACTING DIRECTOR OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER