



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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 to execute an agreement with St. Mary Medical Center for a total of \$166,664 for risk reduction counseling and referral services to HIV-positive and high-risk individuals, for a 20-month period contingent upon availability of funds and contractor performance, with the option to renew the subcontract for up to two additional years at the discretion of the City Manager. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

For the past 18 years, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has been providing Human Immunodeficiency Virus/ Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) prevention services to Long Beach residents impacted by the HIV/AIDS virus under the HIV Education and Prevention program from the State of California, Department of Health Services, Office of AIDS (State). The overall purpose of the program is to prevent HIV transmission; change individual attitudes about HIV and risk behaviors, promote the development of risk-reduction skills, and change community norms that may sanction unsafe sexual and drug-taking behaviors. Over 1,500 individuals receive services annually through this program.

The provision of services under the Community Education and Prevention Program will involve the St. Mary Medical Center CARE (Comprehensive AIDS Research and Education) Program as a subcontractor, selected based on their ability to provide required services meeting the needs of the population served. The term of the agreement will be from November 1, 2005 to June 30, 2007 in the amount of \$166,664. Specifically, the CARE Program will provide risk reduction counseling and referral services to HIV-positive and high-risk negative individuals.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on October 10, 2005 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on October 7, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on October 18th since the subcontractor will begin providing service November 1, 2005, but will be unable to be reimbursed until the subcontract is fully executed.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total amount of the subcontract is \$166,664. State grant funding to fully support the agreement has been budgeted in the Health Fund (SR 130) and in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE).

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER