



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

BOARD OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
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## RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Board of Health and Human Services recommendation to reallocate \$25,108 of returned Social Services Grant Program funds for Fiscal Year 2006. (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

The City Council's adopted policy requires the City's Board of Health and Human Services (Board) to solicit information and make recommendations for projects to be funded through the City's Social Services Grant Program (SSGP). Funds are allocated from both Community Development Block Grant and General Fund monies for the SSGP for two-year funding cycles.

On August 23, 2005, the Board issued a Request for Proposal for \$450,000 in SSGP funds. 29 agencies were approved for funding. Two agencies have returned funding due to a program closure (Willmore Urban Agency: \$13,108) and an inability to commence program (Stand Up for Kids: \$12,000).

This matter was heard by the Board at its meeting of March 10, 2006. At that time, the Board approved the reallocation of the unused Social Services Grant Program funds. The Board is recommending that the City Council accept the following funding recommendations:

1. Utilize the returned SSGP dollars to fund the following programs at the Multi-Service Center for the Homeless (MSC) for Fiscal Year 2006 only:
  - a. \$13,108 to fund a pilot project between the Long Beach Police Department (LBPd) South Division and the MSC. This pilot project would allow LBPd to place homeless persons/families into a hotel during evening and weekend hours. LBPd would notify the MSC of this placement and an outreach worker would then contact the individual/family the next business day to engage them into services.

- b. \$12,000 to fund a homeless eviction prevention project at the MSC, as there is currently no service agency funded to provide financial assistance to prevent an individual/family from becoming homeless. The funding would be utilized to prevent 20 families/individuals from becoming homeless and remain stably housed.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on March 24, 2006 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on March 27, 2006.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on April 4, 2006, to enable the Department of Health and Human Services to expend funding by the end of the program fiscal year of September 30, 2006.

FISCAL IMPACT

Social Service Grant Funds totaling \$834,839 are budgeted in the Future Capital Projects Subfund (CP 201.003) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE), which are provided by the General Fund (\$200,000), Community Development Block Grants (\$250,000) and Emergency Shelter Grant monies (\$384,839).

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair  
Board of Health and Human Services

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