



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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August 9, 2011

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Fifth Amendment to Agreement No. 28384 and any subsequent amendments or necessary documents, between the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and the City of Long Beach to accept funding in the amount of \$160,467 for the term of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, to provide Community Outreach, Enrollment, Utilization and Retention (COEUR) services for the benefit of low-income families to gain affordable medical insurance. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

On April 22, 2003, the City Council accepted the initial grant award from the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services (County) for the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) to conduct outreach, assist with enrollment and utilization of services, and to assist families in retaining health insurance benefits coverage. The program focuses on services for uninsured children (0-5 years) and families who may be eligible for Healthy Kids, Medi-Cal, Healthy Families or other low-cost health care programs in the City. This agreement is funded with monies from the Healthy Kids Program of the First 5 LA, Los Angeles County Children and Families First – Proposition 10 Commission. The County has offered an amendment to extend this contract for a fourth additional year, for the term of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

The program will support staff in conducting outreach to a minimum of 10,000 local families and will provide enrollment assistance to at least 800. Follow-up will be conducted with each family to ensure successful enrollment and utilization of benefits, and to provide ongoing assistance to maintain health insurance coverage.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on July 18, 2011 and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on July 19, 2010.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on August 9, 2011 in order to continue services and funding without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive grant revenues of \$160,467 to offset expenditures of the same amount. Sufficient funds are currently appropriated in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE). There is no City match of funds required, no impact to the General Fund and no net impact to jobs associated with this action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER