



# CITY OF LONG BEACH C-11

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

## RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract, and all necessary amendments including term extensions, with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to receive and expend the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Grant in the total amount of \$360,968, for the period of September 30, 2018 to September 29, 2021; and,

Increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Fire Department (FD) by \$360,968, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

The City of Long Beach (City) has received grant funding in the amount of \$360,968 from the Department of Health and Human Services under the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Grant to support the ongoing efforts of the Long Beach Fire Department (LBFD) Homelessness Education and Response Team (HEART). The funding serves as recognition of the HEART's impact and an effort to expand the LBFD's ability to deliver critical mental health training to first responders both in Long Beach and throughout the region. The grant term is September 30, 2018 to September 29, 2021.

The grant funding will provide resources needed for the LBFD to deliver the "Mental Health First Aid for Fire and EMS" course, a newly developed curriculum focused on teaching first responders to manage the mental health issues that frequently affect emergency response professionals. This program is delivered in partnership with the National Council for Behavioral Health, and focuses on early identification and intervention to promote positive mental health.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Monica J. Kilaita on December 7, 2018 and by Budget Management Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on December 12, 2018.

## TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on January 8, 2019, to expedite the further implementation of the training program.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City's total funding allocation from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Grant is \$360,968, for the estimated period of September 30, 2018 through September 29, 2021. An appropriation increase is requested in the amount of \$360,968 in the General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Fire Department (FD). All grant expenses will be fully offset by grant reimbursement revenue and there are no matching fund requirements. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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FIRE CHIEF

APPROVED:

  
PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER