



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

SUBJECT: Agreement With L.A. Care Health Plan for the Smile Bright Dental  
Disease Prevention Program (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

L.A. Care Health Plan (L.A. Care) has recently awarded the City of Long Beach a \$63,700 grant for the Smile Bright Dental Disease Prevention Program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The Smile Bright Program is an oral health education and intervention program that targets pre-kindergarten through fifth grade students in schools throughout the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD). The goal of the program is to provide health education and dental sealants (plastic coating that creates a barrier between teeth and decay-causing bacteria that lives in plaque) to children to prevent dental decay. Participating students are taught about oral hygiene and provided with dental sealant screenings and dental sealants. Annually over 5,000 LBUSD students receive these services.

Under the proposed agreement, the DHHS will continue to provide school-based oral health screenings, dental sealant applications, and case management of eligible children. Case management will ensure receipt of necessary treatment by educating parents on the importance of obtaining treatment, identifying treatment resources, assisting with enrollment in health insurance programs, and making appointments with appropriate providers.

The grant agreement is for \$63,700 for a period of one year.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna Gwin on September 1, 2004 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on September 3, 2004.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Services under the agreement began on August 1, 2004. Therefore, City Council action is requested on September 14, 2004.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City of Long Beach will receive grant revenues in the amount of \$63,700, which will offset expenditures of the same amount. Sufficient funds are budgeted in the Health Fund (SR 130) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) to support this agreement.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents with L.A. Care Health Plan for the Department of Health and Human Services Smile Bright Dental Disease Prevention Program in the amount of \$63,700 for a period of one-year.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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