

July 12, 2022

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an agreement with Los Angeles County to receive and distribute infant formula to families in need of infant formula who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The nation has been experiencing a significant infant formula shortage. This shortage was due to COVID-19 supply chain issues, compounded by a large-scale product recall of Abbott infant formula. The impact of this shortage can cause potential short- and long-term health risks and developmental delays, which will most heavily impact infants and children born within high-need of services, and low-income families. This is considered a national food shortage emergency since some babies and children are dependent on formula for their day-to-day nutritional intake and hydration.

Los Angeles County (County) was able to secure formula to mitigate the supply shortage. Through this agreement, the Long Beach Health and Human Services Department will partner with the County to distribute infant formula to eligible families within Long Beach. It is anticipated that the City of Long Beach (City) will receive 1,000 cans of infant formula to be distributed to families who meet the qualifications set forth by the County. Basic qualifications include receiving Medi-Cal, being employed without insurance, enrollment in public assistance programs such as CalWORKs, Special Supplemental Nutritional Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), and those with Housing Choice Vouchers. Distribution is to be completed within 30 days of receipt of the product.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson and Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on July 6, 2022.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on July 12, 2022 to enter into the agreement and begin formula distribution expeditiously.

EQUITY LENS

City staff have incorporated the Equity Toolkit in this recommendation, as requested by the City Council on April 21, 2020. The services derived from this agreement will be directly serving families in Long Beach who have been disproportionately impacted by the effects of COVID-19.

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FISCAL IMPACT

This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with City Council priorities. There is no fiscal or local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



KELLY COLOPY
DIRECTOR
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER

REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: July 8, 2022

To: Monique De La Garza, City Clerk

From: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of July 12, 2022

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an agreement with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health for the distribution of infant formula to families in need of infant formula that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. (Citywide)

Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
1	Mary Zendejas	(Digital – attached email)
2	Cindy Allen	(Digital – attached email)
5	Stacy Mungo	(Digital – attached email)

Attachment: Staff Report dated July 12, 2022