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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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July 5, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents with the State of California Department of Health Services to enable the City to provide services for Viral Load Testing in an amount not to exceed \$540,000 for a three-year period. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Since 1998, the State Department of Health Services (State) has designated the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) as a contractor in the Viral Load Testing program. Under the new proposed three-year agreement, the DHHS Public Health Laboratory will provide up to 1,800 Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) blood tests at \$100 per test to eligible clients of the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) per each contract year. The DHHS will also document and submit the test results to the State Office of AIDS.

Viral load tests measure the amount of HIV-1 RNA in patient blood samples and the test results are used to monitor virus progression and medication effectiveness. Viral Load Testing results allow health care providers to better manage the care of HIV-infected patients. The State's Viral Load Testing program makes testing available to all ADAP and ADAP-eligible clients who would otherwise be unable to afford this service. The submission of test results to the State Office of AIDS allows the State to compile epidemiological data for participating health jurisdictions.

The agreement is for a term of three years, from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008 for an amount not to exceed \$540,000.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on June 23, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on July 5, 2005 in order to continue the program without interruption. Costs cannot be recovered until the agreement is executed.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive revenues of up to \$540,000 to offset expenditures of the same amount from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008. The annual revenue amount is estimated to be \$180,000. Funds for the current fiscal year have been appropriated in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE). Funding for future fiscal years will be appropriated through the annual budget process.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

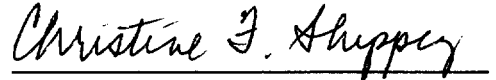
Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



for
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CITY MANAGER