

November 17, 2020

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and all necessary documents, subcontracts, and any necessary amendments, including any amendments to the award amount, with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Family Assistance, to accept and expend grant funding in an annual amount of \$999,999, for the Fundamentals of Fatherhood Project, for the period of September 30, 2020 through September 29, 2025, with the option to extend the agreement for one additional year, at the discretion of the City Manager; and,

Increase appropriations in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department by \$265,531, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Family Assistance (HHS), has awarded the City of Long Beach (City) a \$4,999,995 grant to support the Department of Health and Human Services' (Health Department) Fundamentals of Fatherhood Project (FFP), for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2025.

The FFP is a continuation of the fatherhood program, which served nearly 700 fathers from 2015-2020. Under this new grant, the FFP program will serve 900 fathers over the course of the next five years by integrating public health, social services, workforce development, and evidence-based practices to ensure that children are healthy, safe and emotionally secure. Together with partners, the FFP aims to reduce family conflict and enhance family stability, increase fathers' economic stability to financially provide for a child's well-being, and establish a citywide fatherhood response network to sustain project impacts.

The FFP will enroll 1,000 low-income adult fathers (aged 18 years and older) from high-need areas in Long Beach to engage in six-months of bi-weekly life coaching sessions plus case management, ten weeks of fatherhood fundamentals and co-parenting group sessions, and workforce development, including skills training, job placement, and financial literacy.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Taylor M. Anderson on October 13, 2020 and by Revenue Management Officer Geraldine Alejo on October 26, 2020.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on November 17, 2020, to allow the Health Department to begin the program as soon as possible.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant award will not exceed \$4,999,995, or \$999,999 annually for the period of September 30, 2020 through September 29, 2025. For the first year, \$734,468 is currently appropriated in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department. An appropriation increase for the balance of \$265,531 is requested in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department, offset by grant revenue. No match or in-kind service mandate is required. Subsequent year appropriations will be requested through the annual budget process. This recommendation is anticipated to have a minimal impact on staff hours beyond the normal scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. Due to grant requirements and objectives, two new positions will be requested in the Health Department to support the delivery of services, supported by grant funding. There is no 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