

CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute an agreement, subsequent amendments and all documents between the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services and Kaiser Foundation Hospitals to implement the Latino Diabetes Prevention and Management Program in the amount of \$12,500 for a period of one year from receipt of funding; and execute any other necessary documents or subsequent amendments to extend the contract term or increase the award amount. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Kaiser Foundation Hospitals (KFH) has again awarded \$12,500 to the City of Long Beach, through the Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department), to continue the implementation of the Latino Diabetes Prevention and Management Program (Diabetes Program).

The Diabetes Program was initially established in September 2003 through a one-time grant from The California Endowment to provide linguistically appropriate diabetes education services to the Latino Community, who statistically had been diagnosed with high rates of diabetes, and to the large number of under/uninsured Spanish-speaking individuals who were not connected with medical care services. KFH has provided sustained funding since 2004 in order to maintain this educational program. To date, the program has provided educational services and health referrals to almost 700 Long Beach residents, and has linked more than 140 participants to a medical home at a partnering clinic.

The Diabetes Program consists of a 12-week diabetes education course that focuses on diabetes self-management, skill building and social support. In addition, participants are provided with a consultation with a registered dietician, diabetes monitoring equipment, and referrals and linkages to community resources. Classes have been held at various community locations throughout the city including at the local safety net clinics. The program is provided to the community at no cost and is open to the public.

Funding from KFH will continue to sustain the program by supporting personnel costs, educational materials, diabetic supplies, and consultations with a registered dietician.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on August 19, 2008 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on August 22, 2008.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is requested on September 16, 2008 in order to continue this program without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total amount of the agreement is \$12,500. Funds are currently appropriated in the Health Fund (SR 130) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HE). There is no impact to the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:


Approve the recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER