



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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April 19, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to submit a grant application to the County of Los Angeles for the Family Support, Family Preservation and Adoption Promotion and Support Services grant, and execute all necessary documents, subcontracts and any amendments changing the amounts of the award or extending the grant term upon receipt of County funding to provide Family Preservation, Family Support and Adoption Promotion and Support Services. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

In 1991, the California Legislature enacted Assembly Bill 546, enabling Los Angeles County to invest a percentage of State foster care dollars to family preservation in order to strengthen and preserve families by reducing out-of-home placement and expediting the safe return of children to their families.

Since 1994, the City Council has authorized the City's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to contract with Los Angeles County to operate a Family Preservation Program and Family Support Network Program through the Centers for Families and Youth. The Family Preservation Program provides services to preserve families who have experienced previous problems in abuse, neglect and/or exploitation. The Family Support Program provides citywide family support activities, including case management, mentoring, community picnics, holiday festivals and basketball tournaments. In this grant application, the DHHS will also be applying for the new Adoption Promotion and Support Services Program, which will require contracting out to an adoption agency to provide mentoring and support services for adoptions.

The DHHS, in cooperation with community agencies, provides in-home counseling and support services designed to strengthen basic and essential community assistance for families and bring a broad array of resources together to provide children a safe, secure and nurturing home environment.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on April 11, 2005.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on April 19, 2005 so the DHHS can begin the process of responding to the three grant applications included in the one Request for Proposal issued by the County of Los Angeles. The County requires agencies applying to obtain Board (or City Council) approval prior to applying.

FISCAL IMPACT

If awarded, between one and three grants could have an estimated allocation of \$1.5 to \$4 million. Funding will be made available through the County of Los Angeles and appropriation will be requested in the Health Fund (SR 130) and in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) through the FY 06 budget adoption process.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER