



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager to execute the agreement between the City of Long Beach and the State Department of Education for continued operation of the Even Start Family Literacy Program, for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, and any subsequent amendments as needed to complete the agreement; increase appropriations by \$182,500 in the Community Development Grant Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD); and, execute a contract with the Long Beach Unified School District in the amount of \$162,500 to provide family literacy services. (Citywide)

The Community Development Department has been the recipient of State Department of Education Even Start Grant funds to establish and operate a Family Literacy Program since July 2000. The Program is conducted jointly with the Long Beach Unified School District's Family Literacy Program Office.

The Program provides early childhood and literacy services to families throughout the community and links the programs at the Department's Career Transition Center with the District's Literacy Program efforts. Services include early childhood education, parent education, adult basic education, and enhanced parent and child time together.

Service elements are offered at the Long Beach School for Adults, the Career Transition Center, and at various Head Start locations throughout the community. The Program also provides books for participating families to create at-home libraries to encourage ongoing reading. Of the \$82,500 grant, the District will utilize \$162,500 to deliver direct program services to thirty families, and the Department will utilize \$20,000 for grant oversight costs.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Everett L. Glenn on September 15, 2005, and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on October 7, 2005.

City Council action is requested on October 18, 2005, to facilitate processing of the required documents.

The funds for this project have not been budgeted; therefore, an appropriation increase of \$182,500 is requested in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). The appropriation increase is included in the recommendation. There is no impact on the General Fund.

Approve recommendation.

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