



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and any subsequent amendments, between the City of Long Beach and Los Angeles County, in the amount of \$127,532, to provide Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Benefits Specialty Services for the period of April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016. (Citywide)

The Long Beach Health jurisdiction continues to be significantly impacted by HIV/AIDS, ranking 6th in the State for the number of cases among California's 61 health jurisdictions. Benefits Specialty Services are those client-centered activities that focus on assisting a client's entry into, and movement through, the care services systems. These services facilitate access to, and maintenance of, health and disability benefits and services. Benefits specialists educate clients about the available benefit programs, assess eligibility, assist with applications, provide advocacy with appeals and denials and assist with recertification.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Vu on June 29, 2015 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on July 2, 2015.

City Council action is requested on July 21, 2015, as the Health Department has been providing services under this contract since April 1, 2015, but will be unable to recover costs until the agreements are approved. Delays at the State level have kept this amendment from being executed earlier.

The amount of the agreement is \$127,532 for the period of April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016. Sufficient appropriation is currently budgeted in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE). No match or in-kind service mandate is required, and there is no local job impact associated with this action.

Approve recommendation.

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APPROVED:

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