



## Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and all necessary documents or subcontracts and any subsequent amendments, including amending the amount of the award, with the California Department of Public Health Tuberculosis Control Branch, to accept and expend grant funding in an amount up to \$176,079, plus an allotment of up to \$10,576, for a total amount of up to \$186,655, for tuberculosis prevention and control activities, for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the City Manager. (Citywide)

As a local health jurisdiction, the City of Long Beach (City) Health and Human Services Department (Health Department) receives Tuberculosis (TB) Control Local Assistance funding to meet the critical mandate of TB control. These funds have been used to support core public health TB control through preventive therapy, diagnosis and treatment of active TB disease, and to conduct contact investigations to limit the spread of the disease. The Food, Shelter, Incentives and Enablers (FSIE) allotment is used to enhance treatment adherence, prevent homelessness, and allow the use of less restrictive alternatives that decrease or prevent the need for civil detention.

The California Department of Public Health, TB Control Branch, has granted the Health Department a base award of \$176,079 and an allotment of up to \$10,576 for FSIE expenditures. These funds are awarded to carry out TB prevention and control activities for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods.

TB persists to be the world's biggest killer among infectious causes, with more than 4,000 deaths daily. This global health issue is further aggravated by the unprecedented coronavirus pandemic, as people with TB are deemed vulnerable due to pre-existing lung damage. The City's TB program continues with unfaltering efforts on detection, evaluation, treatment, and care during the pandemic. In 2020, there were 27 confirmed TB cases; a 41 percent increase in TB case rates compared to 2019. From among the confirmed cases, there were 126 contacts identified and recommended for TB evaluation. There were 79 contacts that were fully evaluated, 16 of which had latent TB infection and had started treatment.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Taylor M. Anderson on May 11, 2021 and by Revenue Management Officer Geraldine Alejo on May 12, 2021.

City Council action is requested on June 8, 2021, to continue the program without interruption.

The City will receive a base award of up to \$176,079, plus an allotment of up to \$10,576, for a total grant award in the amount of \$186,655, to reimburse program expenditures from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The grant has no match or in-kind service mandate. Sufficient funds are currently appropriated in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with the recommended action.

Approve recommendation.

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