



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract, and any necessary documents including any necessary subsequent amendments, with the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, of Los Angeles, CA, for conducting the California Health Interview Survey City of Long Beach Oversample Project, in a total annual amount not to exceed \$200,000, for a period of two years, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the City Manager. (Citywide)

City Council approval is requested to enter into a contract with the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research (UCLA CHPR) for the delivery of the California Health Interview Survey City of Long Beach Oversampling Project (CHIS Oversample).

The City of Long Beach (City) Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) serves a diverse population and must understand the specific needs of each community in order to create effective and culturally appropriate strategies to address ongoing issues. Currently there is a lack of data for underrepresented communities in Long Beach, including but not limited to our Black, Latino, Cambodian and Filipino populations.

The Health Department continues to strive to improve data collection and to achieve a greater understanding of each community. In support of this effort, the Health Department requests to contract with the UCLA CHPR to conduct the CHIS Oversample. The California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) is the largest state health survey in the nation. For nearly 20 years, the CHIS has provided representative data on all 58 counties in California along with a detailed picture of the health and health care needs of California's large and diverse populations. CHIS data have been trusted and used in several publications by local health jurisdictions such as San Diego County and the Health Department. In LA County, the CHIS provides statistically valid information for our Long Beach population as whole, but not for subpopulations. UCLA CHPR is the only organization that can provide the kind of detailed data on underrepresented communities that the Health Department needs to understanding health across the city.

Additionally, the CHIS oversample provides funding for an additional sample of households in Long Beach. These additional interviews will be combined with the existing CHIS data collected. By utilizing the UCLA CHPR, the CHIS will identify the correct households to contact and avoid overlapping with existing CHIS respondents. Using the UCLA CHPR for data collection is also necessary to merge the data seamlessly and conduct an integrated weighting of the combined dataset, since all of the confidential data that is needed to conduct weighting is restricted for use by only the subcontractor that collected the data. Therefore, using a different contractor than the UCLA CHPR would significantly impact the Health

Department's ability to achieve its research objectives.

By contracting with the UCLA CHPR, the CHIS Oversample study will engage underrepresented community members to share information about their experiences in health (e.g., diabetes) and society (e.g., gun violence). These data will inform current programs about the community's needs and how the Health Department can effectively address the needs of underrepresented communities. Upon completion of the CHIS Oversample, the data collected will produce estimates for a variety of indicators to assist the City in monitoring issues connected to on-going health concerns (e.g., asthma, eating habits) and other health needs across the City.

City Charter Section 1801 requires that contracts for City purchases be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder after a competitive bid process but allows for awards without a competitive bid process when authorized by a Resolution adopted by the City Council.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Taylor M. Anderson, on October 17, 2022, and by Purchasing Agent Michelle Wilson and Revenue Management Officer Geraldine Alejo on October 13, 2022.

City Council action to adopt a Resolution and award a contract concurrently is requested on November 15, 2022, to ensure the contract is in place expeditiously.

The total annual contract amount will not exceed \$200,000. Sufficient funds are currently budgeted in the Health Fund Group in the Health Department, offset by grant revenue. 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 this recommendation.

Approve recommendation.

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