

April 1, 2025

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the California Department of Public Health to host a California Epidemiological Investigation Services Fellow, for the period of July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2029. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to enter a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to host a California Epidemiological Investigation Service (Cal-EIS) Fellow during the 2025-2026 cohort. The fellowship is a one-year program that will begin in July 2025. The purpose of the MOU is to recognize the independent and mutual benefits of the Cal-EIS Fellowship and ensure the responsibilities and commitments of the program are upheld by both CDPH and the City. While fellowships are one-year long, this MOU would allow for additional fellows in later years through 2029.

The mission of the Cal-EIS fellowship is to prepare epidemiologists for public health leadership positions in California. The fellowship will provide experience in epidemiology and public health practice, produce well-trained epidemiologists for employment, and assist the City with emergency outbreaks and other field investigations. All wages for the fellow, including health insurance, travel, and training is provided at no cost to the City through a separate interagency agreement between CDPH and the University of California, Davis.

The Cal-EIS Fellow selected for Long Beach will support the Epidemiology Program in the Health and Human Services Department (Health Department). The fellow will work on communicable disease surveillance and data analysis, case investigations, and outbreak response. The primary and secondary mentors will provide training and oversight throughout the fellowship.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Nicholas Masero on March 10, 2025, and by Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on March 13, 2025.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on April 1, 2025, to expedite the provision of the MOU.

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FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendation. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



Alison King
Director
Health and Human Services

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER