

June 11, 2024

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement and all necessary documents, subcontracts, and any subsequent amendments, including any amendments to the award amount and term dates, with the State of California Department of Public Health California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) to receive and expend grant funding in the amount of \$757,563 for the CHVP State General Fund Innovation 2.0 program, for a one-year period beginning on July 1, 2023, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the City Manager; and,

Increase appropriations in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department by \$757,563. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

On January 19, 2024, The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division, California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) released the Innovation 2.0 Request for Supplemental Information to fund a small number of awards to local health jurisdictions to implement innovative early childhood home visiting programs with a focus on meeting the need of a locally identified population facing the greatest inequities in health and social outcomes. On an annual fiscal year basis, up to \$3,203,309 in State General Fund Innovation 2.0 funds will be awarded with a maximum award of \$800,000 per year.

Submissions were accepted for proposed projects in the categories of evidence-informed home visiting programs and evidence-based home visiting models not currently administered by CDPH/CHVP.

CDPH/CHVP reviewed and allocated funding for the project proposal from the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department). The Nleta Project is designed to address the unmet needs of Black Infant Health program graduates by implementing a life-course, comprehensive, client-centered approach. It is strategically crafted to ensure sustained support for graduates of the Black Infant Health Program by establishing a comprehensive interconception care feedback loop. The project will bridge gaps in care, promote consistent well-being, and effectively address factors contributing to the Black/White birth disparity gap, thereby working towards its ultimate goal of closure. The Nleta Project will address these unmet needs by providing holistic, long-term support beyond the postpartum period; mental health services and family counseling to provide a safe space for families to address mental health concerns, enhance family relationships, and strengthen overall well-being;

financial literacy and employment support to empower families to make informed financial decisions and access employment opportunities; community engagement and support, especially for new parents and parents with infants and young children who often feel overwhelmed by additional expenses, new routines, and accessible childcare; and data-driven and tailored services.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani on May 21, 2024, and by Revenue Management Officer Geraldine Alejo on May 23, 2024.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 11, 2024, to start implementing the program.

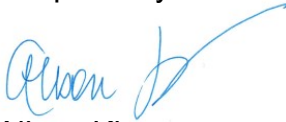
FISCAL IMPACT

The City's total funding allocation for the CHVP State General Fund Innovation 2.0 will not exceed \$757,563 for a one-year period from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. An appropriation increase in the amount of \$757,563 is requested in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department, offset by grant revenue. Any indirect costs that might not ultimately be eligible for grant funds will be funded by the Health Operating Fund, General Fund, or other eligible grant funds. The grant has no match or in-kind service requirement. 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.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



Alison King
Director
Health and Human Services

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER