

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 or subsequent amendments, including amendments to the award amount or terms with the Kaiser Foundation, to accept and expend grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the Kaiser Community Health Care Program Outreach and Enrollment Grant for a two-year period, estimated to begin upon execution of the agreement, with the option to extend for an additional one-year period at the discretion of the City Manager; and,

Increase appropriations in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department by \$10,000, offset by grant revenues. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

On January 31, 2024, the Health and Human Services Department (Health Department) applied for a grant with Kaiser Permanente's Community Health Care Program (CHCP). The CHCP's goal is to provide comprehensive, affordable health care coverage for qualified low-income adults.

The Medi-Cal Outreach/Health Access (MCO/HA) program in the Health Department has a long history of ensuring all eligible individuals are connected to healthcare based on the programs available. Historically, the MCO/HA program has partnered with Kaiser Permanente pre-Affordable Care Act and pre-Medi-Cal Expansion as a key partner of the Kaiser Child Health Plan pilot program (CHP) in the 90805 area of Long Beach. The MCO/HA program's primary focus is to increase healthcare access and reduce the number of uninsured within the City through outreach, education, enrollment assistance, program navigation, and retention services.

This is a new option offered by Kaiser for people struggling to find affordable health care coverage. Even with the expansion of Medi-Cal to all low-income residents regardless of immigration status this year, there are still people who don't have access to health care coverage. Education and outreach will be at community events and health fairs. In-person assistance will also be available at the Health Department.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani on May 21, 2024, and by Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on May 23, 2024.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action to accept and expend funds is requested on June 11, 2024, to begin providing program services.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for two years, estimated to begin upon execution of the agreement. An appropriations increase of \$10,000 is requested in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department, offset by grant revenue. There is no match or in-kind service mandate required. 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 funds. 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