

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, any subsequent amendments or subcontracts, including to the award amount, with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to receive and expend grant funding in the amount of \$800,988 for Hepatitis C virus prevention and control activities for a period of four years beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028; and,

Increase appropriations in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department by \$800,988, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

In 2019, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Control Branch awarded the City of Long Beach (City) \$932,505 in assistance funds for Hepatitis C virus (Hep C) prevention and control activities for the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2024, with 50 percent (\$466,252) of the funding awarded to The Children's Clinic to provide Hepatitis C testing and counseling, and linkage to care.

Subsequently, the City received additional funding in the amount of \$800,988 for the continuation of Hepatitis C prevention and control activities for a period of four years beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028. Fifty percent of this new award (\$400,494) will also be provided to community-based organizations (CBOs) to provide Hepatitis C testing, counseling, and linkage to care. The Health and Human Services Department (Health Department) will continue to provide support activities for those living with, or at high risk for, Hepatitis C, including monitoring, prevention, case investigation, and detailed data gathering to describe local Hepatitis C epidemiology and trends. This partnership between the Health Department and selected CBOs will ensure proper testing, treatment, and care for vulnerable and underserved clients at high risk for Hepatitis C infection.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani on May 22, 2024, and Revenue Management Officer Geraldine Alejo on May 17, 2024.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 11, 2024, to receive and expend funding and continue services without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT

The CDPH will provide \$800,988 in grant funding for the four-year period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028. Services will be provided by either Health Department staff or the CBO(s) selected to partner with the Health Department, per grant requirements. Costs will be fully offset over the four-year period from revenues received through the agreement with the CDPH, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$800,988. An appropriation increase in the amount of \$800,988 is requested in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department, offset by grant revenues. 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,



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Director
Health and Human Services

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER