

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, all necessary documents and any subsequent amendments, including to the allocation amount, with the County of Los Angeles, to receive and expend County Measure B funds in the amount of \$527,000, to support ongoing bioterrorism response programs, for a one-year period, effective through June 30, 2025; and,

Increase appropriations in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department by \$527,000, offset by reimbursement revenue. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

In November 2002, Los Angeles County Measure B (County Measure B) was approved by voters. County Measure B authorizes the County of Los Angeles (County) to levy a special tax on structural improvements to provide funding to support the county-wide system of trauma centers, emergency medical services, trauma prevention, and bioterrorism response activities. Bioterrorism response refers to activities undertaken directly, through a contract, or coordinated by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services to address the medical needs of persons exposed to a bioterrorist or chemical attack.

The purpose of County Measure B is to 1) avoid the life-threatening shutdown of the County's trauma network; 2) maintain and expand the trauma network county-wide while ensuring a timelier response to critical and urgent medical emergencies; and 3) respond effectively to biological and chemical terrorism.

On February 5, 2024, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors awarded the Health and Human Services Department (Health Department) \$527,000 to support ongoing emergency medical services, bioterrorism, and trauma prevention. This structural allocation will be used to support the ongoing costs of maintaining the public health local distribution site (LDS) used to stockpile safe and appropriate medical countermeasures, personal protective equipment, and other supplies needed for a bioterrorism or chemical attack response. These funds will also be used to cover some of the costs of staffing the LDS with individuals trained in logistics and inventory management, as well as field personnel who are deployable to the region, and public health medical professionals with expertise in bioterrorism response operations.

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This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani on May 22, 2024, and Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on May 23, 2024.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

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

FISCAL IMPACT

The total County Measure B funding allocation will not exceed \$527,000 from the effective date of the agreement through June 30, 2025. An appropriation increase in the amount of \$527,000 is requested in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department, offset by reimbursement 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. Subsequent years' appropriation will be requested through the annual budget process. There is no match or in-kind service mandate. 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