

April 9, 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 documents, subcontracts or subsequent amendments, including amendments to the award amount, with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive and expend grant funding in the amount of \$1,706,641 for the Healthy Homes Production Grant Program, for the period of April 15, 2024, through October 15, 2027; and,

Increase appropriations in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department by \$1,706,641, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded funding to the Health and Human Services Department (Health Department) for the Healthy Homes Production (HHP) Grant Program. The award totals \$1,706,641 in grant funds over three and a half years and requires a City match of \$258,477, which is being met using in-kind services with existing staff. This funding will contribute to a comprehensive approach to addressing multiple childhood diseases and injuries in the home by focusing on housing-related hazards in a coordinated fashion, rather than addressing a single hazard at a time. The program builds upon HUD's successful Lead Hazard Control programs to expand the Department's efforts to address a variety of high-priority environmental health and safety hazards. These funds will also assist in retaining existing Health Department staff as well as supporting private housing remediation and painting contractors who will likely retain or generate new jobs in Long Beach.

The Healthy Homes Production Program will provide comprehensive services to 130 units of privately owned, low-income rental and/or owner-occupied homes, especially in units and/or buildings where families with children, older adults 62 years and older, or families with persons with disabilities reside. Program services will include housing interventions to improve the structure and safety of the home environment such as mold remediation, leak prevention, improved ventilation, integrated pest management, installation of carbon monoxide alarms, radon mitigation, and slip and fall preventions; education to tenants and property owners on home hazards and preventive maintenance; and public education and outreach to increase awareness and capacity for healthy homes intervention in the community.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani on March 11, 2024, and

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Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on March 20, 2024.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on April 9, 2024, as the grantor is requesting that the agreement be expedited prior to the beginning of the grant term on April 15, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive grant revenues of \$1,706,641 for the period of April 15, 2024, to October 15, 2027. The total cost of the HHP Program, including the City match over three and half years, is estimated at \$1,965,118. An appropriation increase of \$1,706,641 is requested in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department, offset by grant revenues. The City's match of \$258,477 is obtained from existing staff in the Health Fund Group. 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 City Council priorities. It is anticipated that this funding will create additional jobs in the community through housing remediation subcontracts.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



Alison King
Director
Health and Human Services

APPROVED



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER