

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** April 30, 2001

FROM: CYNTHIA J. KURTZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH RESOURCES SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, FOR A COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAM GRANT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing submittal of a grant application and the subsequent execution by the City Manager of a grant agreement, amendments, and any other documents necessary to secure such grant to the Health Resources Services Administration for a Community Access Program grant.

BACKGROUND:

The Community Access Program (CAP) was implemented in FY 2000 as part of an initiative to expand access to the uninsured through increasing the effectiveness and capacity of community systems of care. The CAP program was designed to complement federal initiatives to increase insurance coverage options made available through the Medicaid program and the State Child Health Insurance Program. CAP is managed by the Health Resources and Services Administration of the nation's Department of Health and Human Services. In FY 2000, \$25 million was awarded under the CAP initiative to 23 communities and consortia of health care providers to develop and strengthen integrated health care delivery systems that coordinate health services for the underinsured and uninsured. In FY 2001, another \$40 million in one-year grants is available to fund new communities' development of integrated delivery systems.

The funding is designed to provide an infusion of dollars to help develop infrastructure necessary to strengthen or support the improved organization and integration of health delivery systems for uninsured and underinsured individuals. The CAP program goal is to create more efficient and higher quality care and help individuals gain entry into a more comprehensive system of care.

In March, staff convened a local planning group to assess the interest and benefit of applying for CAP funding in this community. The planning group has proposed a local implementation of CAP, called the Pasadena Access Program. The three major goals of the Pasadena Access Program are: 1) to link underinsured and uninsured families and individuals with a medical home for primary and preventative care, and to a continuum of comprehensive health and social services; 2) to enroll all eligible underinsured and uninsured families and individuals into available insurance coverage; and 3) improve integration/coordination of local service delivery system. A community call center will be the conduit for these linkages and system changes.

With the Public Health Department as the lead agency, a grant will be submitted to develop a community call center in Pasadena that will serve the Pasadena Unified School District. The call center will be staffed by skilled medical personnel who will triage for physical and mental health services, schedule walk-in appointments or facilitate provider appointments for the callers; provide or link callers with a range of intervention, case management, health education, and social support services; screen for eligibility for various health insurance programs. The goal will be to help underinsured and uninsured utilize the health care system appropriately, to establish coverage for eligible adults and children, and to gain entry to comprehensive, quality care and medical homes. The Public Health Department will hire and administer a project management team and will subcontract for services. The major objectives include designing and implementing the call center, establishing and expanding the network of providers, developing and implementing the MIS support system, developing and conducting a public outreach and education campaign, developing a strategic plan for sustainability, and project evaluation.

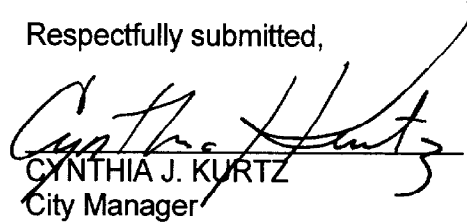
Several community-based organizations and coalitions will collaborate with the City of Pasadena's Public Health Department in submittal of this grant application and in the system design, implementation and sustainability if the grant is awarded. Collaborators in the project include Partners in Care, Community Health Alliance of Pasadena, Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena Unified School District, Pacific Clinics, Young and Healthy, Planned Parenthood of Pasadena, D'Veal Family and Youth Services, Pasadena Foundation, USC Family Practice Center-Pasadena, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services.

The deadline for the proposal is May 7, 2001. The City is requesting an amount not to exceed \$980,000, which does not require matching funds. Grant awards will be announced in September 2001.

FISCAL IMPACT

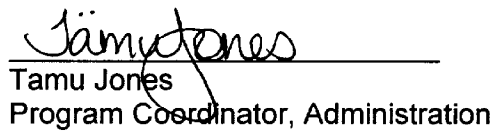
This action by City Council will have no immediate fiscal impact on the health fund. If funded, the CAP grant will bring in revenues not to exceed \$980,000 for the twelve months beginning in September 2001.

Respectfully submitted,



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