

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** FEBRUARY 8, 1999
FROM: CYNTHIA J. KURTZ, CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CALENDAR YEAR (CY) 1999 IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE IMMUNIZATION BRANCH OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a CY 1999 California Immunization Program Agreement with the State Department of Health Services in the amount of \$60,921 for the period January 1, 1999 – December 31, 1999; and,
- 2) Approve a journal voucher decreasing estimated revenues and appropriations in the Disease Prevention and Control Division budget account # 563100 by \$13,054 from \$1,169,443 to \$1,156,389.

BACKGROUND:

The Immunization Branch of the California Department of Health Services has awarded \$60,921 to the City of Pasadena Public Health Department for the period January 1, 1999 – December 31, 1999 (Contract #98-15761). These subvention funds are awarded under the California Immunization Program to augment routine immunization services and activities being provided within the local health jurisdiction of the Pasadena Public Health Department.

Objectives of the program are to achieve the following immunization standards: (1) Raise to (or maintain) immunization levels of 95% or greater for legally required immunizations among all kindergarten entrants and incoming transfer students; (2) By the year 2000, to have 90% of two-year-olds vaccinated according to schedule with one dose of measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine, three doses of polio vaccine, at least three doses of diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTP) vaccine and at least three doses of type b (Hib) influenza vaccine and to have 70% of two-year-olds with three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine; (3) To reduce and, if possible, eliminate,

illness, disability and death due to vaccine-preventable diseases through prevention, surveillance and outbreak control; and (4) Establish and/or maintain an effective reminder/recall system with follow-up notices, simple tracing procedures for missing clients and a written protocol.

These objectives will be met through: (1) Continuation of Immunization Clinic services; (2) Implementation of an outreach effort that is supported by computer-generated data; (3) Assessment of available immunization level information; (4) Development of a system to ensure age-appropriate immunization; and, (5) Vaccine preventable disease surveillance and outbreak control, with explicit investigation and control of measles.

Immunization rates at the Pasadena Community Health Center (PCHC) are beginning to improve. Last year, 41% of children seen at PCHC were up-to-date with immunizations as of age 2, as compared to 44.3% in the current year. The percentage of children immunized community-wide is probably much higher; however, the Health Department computer data system for immunizations currently captures only the population of children served at the PCHC. A mechanism to gather data from other providers, such as the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD), medical doctors in private practice and Health Maintenance Organizations is being developed.

The fiscal year budgeted amount is typically based on the prior calendar year budget, but over the past four years funding has fluctuated due to the Federal government's changing levels of support for this program, making it difficult to estimate a realistic revenue amount. Since the grant is awarded on a calendar year basis, fifty percent of each of the current and prior calendar year awards are combined to determine the adjusted amount for the City's fiscal year budget. While the CY 1999 award is \$60,921 (50% = \$30,461), the CY 1998 award was \$87,030 (50% = \$43,515). The adjusted budget for FY 1999 is therefore \$73,976 (\$30,461 + \$43,515). Estimated FY 1999 revenues in account #6278, State Immunization Grant, will decrease by \$13,054 from \$87,030 to \$73,976 based on the proportion of the CY 1998 and CY 1999 awards which will be expended during the current fiscal year.

Over the past two years the Federal government has gradually reduced funding levels to the states for this program. Over the past two years the portion of funds that comprise Federal dollars has been used to upgrade equipment for program staff. The decrease will therefore not affect the level of immunizations currently provided. The current funding level will require a reduction in the amount of marketing and incentives available to encourage parents to have their children immunized.

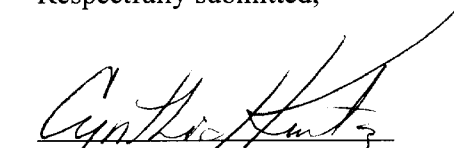
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

This contract is exempt from the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance pursuant to Section 4.09.060(a) which exempts contracts with other governmental entities for labor, material, supplies and services.


FISCAL IMPACT

This action by the City Council will reduce FY 1999 estimated revenues and appropriations in the Public Health Department's Disease Prevention and Control Division budget account #563100 by \$13,054 from \$1,169,443 to \$1,156,389.

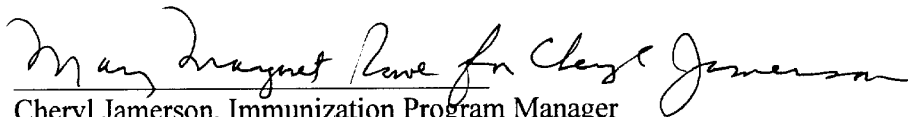
Respectfully submitted,


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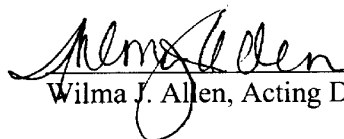
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