



**BACKGROUND:**

The Immunization Branch of the California Department of Health Services has awarded \$115,914 to the City of Pasadena Public Health Department for the period July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001 to fund a local collaborative effort to improve immunization rates of infants and toddlers. The project aims to bring all children up-to-date on vaccinations and increase opportunities to immunize children who are behind schedule. The target population is children from birth to age 2 in the high and highest risk populations for under-immunization in the Pasadena/Altadena area. The grant will enhance immunization activities, coordinated by the Pasadena Public Health Department.

During FY 2001, the staff will focus on two objectives: (1) Recruit additional providers and implement a Los Angeles County-wide immunization registry in up to 4 additional sites in Pasadena by June 30, 2001; and (2) Collaborate with the Pasadena Immunization Coalition to implement an immunization outreach program for high risk children and a provider education program targeting immunization providers in Pasadena.

In late 1996, a community-wide immunization registry program was initiated through a partnership of the Pasadena Public Health Department, UCLA Child Health and Immunization Network (CHAIN), Community Vision Unlimited and other community participants. The registry was designed to support the automation and sharing of immunization information among health care providers in order to help increase immunization rates of children in the Pasadena area. Using custom designed software developed by UCLA-CHAIN, the registry system was installed and implemented at the Public Health Department and later expanded to include five Pasadena Unified School District clinic sites.

This year, the Pasadena Immunization Coalition was established to promote registry implementation. The Pasadena Immunization Coalition consists of the Pasadena Public Health Department, Pasadena Unified School District, UCLA-CHAIN, public and private providers, vaccine manufacturers, Health Maintenance Organizations, State Vaccine for Children Program and other community partners.

Pasadena's immunization project shares the national immunization goal of 90% of children being fully immunized by 24 months of age. In the past two years, immunization rates at the Health Department have significantly improved. Overall rates for children 0 to 24 months of age have increased from 63% fully immunized in June 1999 to 78% in June 2000- a 15% increase. The immunization rate community wide is 71%.

### Community Health Alliance of Pasadena Subcontract

This is the third year of State funding for local collaboration projects to improve immunization rates. This FY 2001 award to the City of Pasadena continues the core grant funding of \$75,000 and includes an additional \$39,914 for a subcontract to the Community Health Alliance of Pasadena (CHAP). CHAP will use the funds to increase the number of immunizations provided at the CHAP clinic and to help initiate CHAP's participation in the registry. CHAP was awarded these funds through the Community Health Center grant competition, which the State implemented to encourage community health clinics to collaborate with other community-based initiatives to improve local immunization results. The State pays local health departments an administrative fee of \$1,000 to help manage the subcontract and promote partnerships.

The State 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. Since the CHAP contract is incorporated into the scope of work for the State grant based on their successful application for funding, the contract with CHAP is also exempt from competitive selection under the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance pursuant to Section 4.09.060 (B) which exempts sole source contracts. The CHAP contract with the City of Pasadena is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002 (F), contracts for professional or unique services.

### Los Angeles Regional Immunization Registry

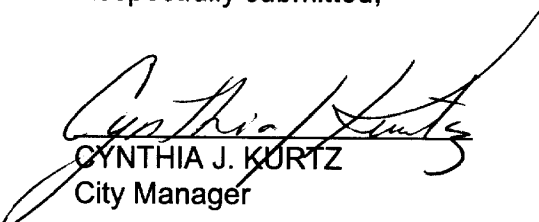
Following statewide assessment of the status of immunization registries, the California Department of Health Services' Immunization Branch decided to create a coordinated system of regional immunization registries. Los Angeles County was recently awarded funding to support this effort by forming the Los Angeles Regional Immunization Registry. Over the past six months, the Pasadena Public Health Department has been working with Los Angeles County and the City of Long Beach to implement a regional immunization registry.

Los Angeles County is the lead agency for the regional registry grant and was awarded a total of \$500,000 from the State Department of Health Services, \$46,847 of which is allocated as a subcontract to the City of Pasadena for local registry activities. This funding was not included in the FY 2001 adopted budget.

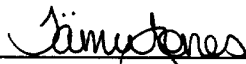
### **FISCAL IMPACT**

This action by the City Council increases revenues and appropriations in the Public Health Department's FY 2001 adopted Disease Prevention and Control Division budget account #563100 by \$46,874 from \$2,367,661 to \$2,414,535.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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