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To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager



From: Alison King, Director of Health and Human Services



For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

**Subject: Health Department Receives Grant to Serve Those Living with or At Risk of Hepatitis B Infection**

The City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services ([Health Department](#)) was awarded a \$1,000,000 grant to enhance care for those living with or at risk of Hepatitis B (HBV) in Long Beach, and reduce the number of acute HBV infections citywide.

The Hepatitis B Demonstration Project Grant is a three-year funding opportunity provided by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). The CDPH has awarded two demonstration projects, in total, with the Health Department being the first and only local health jurisdiction in the State to receive this funding. The funding is intended to demonstrate approaches to serve those most vulnerable to HBV infection with respect to:

- Hepatitis B virus screening
- Hepatitis B vaccination
- Linkage to Hepatitis B care

The project will prioritize serving at-risk communities, focusing on Long Beach's Asian American and Pacific Islander populations, and those with a history of substance use. Aligned with California's public health goals and the Viral Hepatitis National Strategic Plan, this initiative focuses on the reduction of acute HBV infection rates and enhancing care for affected individuals. This project helps advance the collective effort towards eliminating viral hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030.

For more information regarding the Hepatitis B Demonstration Project Grant, please contact Lindsey Megee, Vaccine Preventable Disease Supervisor, at (562) 570-4768 or [Lindsey.Megee@longbeach.gov](mailto:Lindsey.Megee@longbeach.gov).

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