



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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CONSENT  
September 13, 2005

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Subject:** Grant: First Five Sacramento Commission for expansion of the Regional Children's Health Project

**Location/Council District:** Citywide

**Recommendation:**

Adopt a Resolution: 1) accepting a two-year grant in the amount of \$1,590,991 from the First Five Sacramento Commission, 2) amending the FY06 budget, including authorizing a net gain of 14.00 FTE for the expansion of the Regional Children's Health Project and 3) authorizing the City Manager or his designee to sign all agreements and contracts related to the grant.

**Contact:** Alan Boyd, Recreation Superintendent, 277-6077; Bonnie Ferreira, Project Manager, 929-1724

**Presenters:** NA

**Department:** Parks and Recreation

**Division:** Recreation and Human Services

**Organization No:** 4724

**Summary:**

The City's Regional Children's Health Project received a two-year grant from the First Five Sacramento Commission to expand its current outreach, enrollment, utilization and retention program with a primary focus on enrolling children ages 0-5 in existing health insurance plans.

**Committee/Commission Action:**

Not applicable.



**Background Information:**

The Regional Children's Health Project (RCHP), working to improve the health and well-being of children in the Sacramento region by increasing access to no cost or low cost health coverage programs, is a collaborative partnership between the City of Sacramento, Catholic Healthcare West, First 5 Sacramento, Kaiser Permanente, Sutter Health, UC Davis Health System, and United Way. Established in 1998 by the late Mayor Joe Serna, Jr., as the Mayor's Commission on Our Children's Health, the project was a local response to the alarming estimates of the numbers of uninsured children in Sacramento County. Although the program began primarily in the City of Sacramento and the City's school district, RCHP is now working with 16 school districts throughout Sacramento County as well as providing "screen-and-refer" services for several surrounding counties.

Currently project staff is focused on reaching families with children who are eligible for subsidized programs including: Medi-Cal, Healthy Families (HF), Kaiser Permanente's Child Health Plan and the Access for Infants and Mothers Program, assisting them with the enrollment process as well as case management services to help them utilize and maintain coverage. This includes:

- School and community-based outreach that is linguistically and culturally appropriate for the diverse Sacramento population.
- Operation of a local toll-free information hotline to answer parents' questions about how to access health care for their children
- Application assistance provided at neighborhood and school locations in several languages
- Timely follow-up to ensure enrollment has occurred and coverage is maintained
- Education on how to use their health coverage program
- Assistance, when necessary, in making medical appointments

RCHP recently created the *Linking Families to Health Care* document (attachment), which gives an overview of the project's 5-year history. To date, the RCHP has assisted more than 15,000 children in Sacramento County in accessing affordable health care programs.

In May of 2005, RCHP submitted a grant application to First 5 Sacramento to provide outreach, enrollment, utilization and retention activities for children ages 0-5 in Sacramento County who are eligible for existing health insurance programs. RCHP will coordinate a countywide outreach, enrollment, and retention and utilization program using targeted strategies to reach, educate and enroll more than 7,000 families with children ages 0-5 in Medi-Cal, Healthy Families and Kaiser Permanente's Child Health Plan. The program proposes to retain 70% of the enrolled children in health coverage programs (10% increase compared to HF) by continued follow-up with families at two,

eight, and 13 months to assist them when needed. In addition, RCHP proposes to increase appropriate utilization of services, especially for preventive services, by 15% among families with children ages 0 to 5 by educating families on the value of prenatal care, well-baby, well-child check-up's and timely immunizations.

Operationally, the RCHP is the outreach, enrollment, retention and educational arm of the Cover the Kids by 2006 Initiative. This initiative, also administered by the City of Sacramento, is a county-wide project focusing on two areas: 1) enrolling eligible children in existing health programs and 2) creating an additional insurance project for those children that are ineligible up to 300% of the poverty line. A broad range of key representatives from local hospitals, county health agencies, community clinics, education, health plans, business and advocacy groups comprise a community-wide Task Force to guide this project.

### **Financial Considerations:**

The two-year grant from First Five Sacramento in the amount of \$1,590,991 will supplement the current operating budget of the RCHP that includes funding from the four hospital systems and United Way. A net additional 14.00 FTE will be needed to provide the above expanded services. The new positions include a Program Supervisor, three Program Coordinators, six health care specialists (staff aides) and one Typist Clerk III as well as some non-career staff. These positions are full funded through a combination of existing RCHP grant funds and funds available from this expansion grant. Additionally, this grant covers all operating costs of the expansion including \$75,000 for administrative overhead each of the two years. The City General Fund already pays for the RCHP program supervisor as the City's contribution to the partnership.

Sustainability strategies for this project include claiming federal reimbursement through the Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Program (up to 50% of costs) and through the State's reimbursements to enrollment entities, as well as increased partnerships with the health plans and hospital systems. At the end of the grant period, if additional funding sources are not available, the program will be adjusted to the level of available resources and program staffing will be reduced accordingly.

### **Environmental Considerations:**

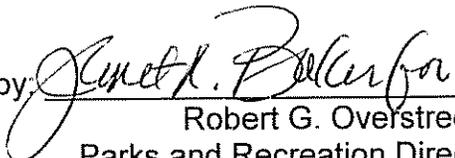
There are no environmental considerations with this report.

### **Policy Considerations:**

The Regional Children's Health Project is consistent with the City's current strategic plan to achieve sustainability and livability and its mission to protect, preserve and enhance the quality of life for present and future generations.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):**

There are no ESBD considerations with this report.

Approved by:   
Robert G. Overstreet II  
Parks and Recreation Director

Recommendation Approved:  
  
ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager

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## RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

### ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM FIRST FIVE SACRAMENTO AND AMENDING THE FY06 BUDGET OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO EXPAND THE REGIONAL CHILDREN’S HEALTH PROJECT

#### BACKGROUND

- A. The Department of Parks and Recreation has operated the Regional Children's Health Project for a number of years successfully assisting more than 15,000 children access affordable health care.
- B. In May 2005 the Regional Children’s Health Project was awarded a two year grant by the First Five Sacramento Commission to focus on enrolling children ages 0-5 into appropriate health care programs.

#### BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITYCOUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The City of Sacramento accepts a two-year grant from the First Five Sacramento Commission in the amount of \$1,590,991 for the expansion of the Regional Children’s Health Project in FY06 and FY07.

- 2. The FY06 Budget is amended as follows:

101-450-4724-4101	Employee Services*	\$ 407,752
101-450-4724-4715	Labor Reimbursement*	<407,752>
OGR-250-G552-4101	Employee Services	\$ 977,689
OGR-250-G552-XXXX	Operating Costs	613,302
OGR-250-G552-3598	Misc. Other County	\$1,590,991

\*For FY07 this amount will be \$569,937

- 3. The following net total of 14.0 FTE is added to Organization 4724:

Program Supervisor	1.00	
Program Coordinator	4.00	(4 positions)
Staff Aide (Program Developer - Health)	6.00	(6 positions)
Typist Clerk III	1.00	
Program Developer	-1.00	
Special Program Leader (NC)	3.00	(6 positions)

- 4. The City Manager or his designee is authorized to sign all agreements and contracts related to this grant.