

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES- DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**AUTHORIZATION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS
AND
APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL
HEALTH TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LENNOX SCHOOL
DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004
AND
APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004**

(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)

REQUEST:

Request Board authorization for the receipt of federal grant funds in the amount of \$109,583 from the State Board of Corrections (BOC) for use by the Lennox School District during Fiscal Year 2003-2004 to provide counseling services for children with emotional and/or behavioral problems.

Also, request Board approval and authorization for the Department of Mental Health Director or his designee to enter into Agreements with the BOC and the Lennox School District for the transfer of these federal grant funds from DMH to Lennox School District. In addition, request approval of an appropriation adjustment for Fiscal Year 2003-2004.

BACKGROUND:

The Lennox School District was in the final year of an Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) grant program that provided funding for mental health counseling services for approximately 25-30 high-need middle school children. However, the OCJP was disbanded and the grant administration was transferred to the State Board of Corrections (BOC). The BOC requires that grant funds go through a unit of local government; therefore, DMH has agreed to act as the administrative agency for the remaining term of the Lennox project, which is October 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

INTENT:

Board approval will enable DMH to receive the federal grant funds from the BOC to reimburse Lennox School District for mental health services provided between October 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004.

JUSTIFICATION:

Without approval to accept these federal grant funds, Lennox School District cannot be reimbursed for costs (\$109,583) incurred for the provision of mental health services from October 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 to a high-need group of middle school children.

The State BOC grant process requires that funding be channeled through a local government entity. DMH will accept the federal grant funds from BOC and enter into an Agreement for the transfer of funds to the Lennox School District during Fiscal Year 2003-2004.

There is no impact on County cost. Lennox School District will provide all matching funds, which is approximately \$54,792 (total project cost is approximately \$164,375).

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

This subject does not apply.