



Lompoc City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: June 15, 2004

TO: Gary Keefe, City Administrator

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SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE DIRECT PAYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (CSD), AND THE CITY OF LOMPOC FOR CSD'S LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council approve Agreement No. 03-1175 between the State of California, Department of Community Services and Development (CSD), and the City of Lompoc.

DISCUSSION:

This Agreement is for the purpose of making direct credit to the utility accounts of low-income energy customers of the City of Lompoc that are identified by CSD as payment recipients under CSD's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The City of Lompoc has been participating in the LIHEAP since May 20, 1997. The program provides a once-a-year payment to low-income households that qualify based on pre-established criteria. Funds provided under this program are disbursed to the City of Lompoc and applicant accounts are credited in accordance with provisions of the LIHEAP Direct Payment instructions. Eligible customers can receive a maximum rebate of \$80 per year, which shows up as a credit on their utility bills. Households approved for this program can expect the credit on their utility bill within approximately 2-4 months from the time they submit the paperwork. By approving this Agreement, the City of Lompoc will be able to continue participating in the program through June 30, 2006.

Seth Bean, Accountant

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) State of California Agreement, which consists of a signature page, Exhibits A through D, and Attachments 1-4.

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

John Walk, Management Services Director

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Gary P. Keefe, City Administrator