



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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May 18, 2004

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

City of Long Beach

California

**SUBJECT:** Authorization to Receive Family Support Program Funds From the South Bay Center for Counseling to Augment the Hire-A-Youth Program (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

The Workforce Development Bureau (Bureau) administers workforce programs that provide career development and business services through the Career Transition Center, the Youth Opportunity Center, and selected community-based organizations throughout the City. The Bureau has been the recipient of State of California Work Opportunities and Responsibility to Kids program funds through both Los Angeles County and the South Bay Center for Counseling (Center). The Center has provided these funds to operate Family Support Programs in local communities since 2000. The City has received notice of additional Center funds in the amount of \$53,270 for the period of July 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004, and an additional \$10,000 to augment the current program, which ends on June 30, 2004.

Through this funding, the Youth Opportunity Center will continue to operate its Hire-A-Youth Program for young people, ages 16 to 24, who reside in the greater Long Beach area. This program specifically addresses multiple needs commonly faced by teenagers and young adults ready to enter the workforce. Services include employment preparation, resume writing assistance, interviewing skills practice, and job referrals to employers. Support for appropriate clothing, General Education Diploma (GED) attainment, bus passes, and drug and/or gang prevention is also provided for those in need.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Charles Parkin on March 4, 2004 and Budget Manager Michael Killebrew on May 6, 2004.

## TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on May 18, 2004 to expedite processing of required documents.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Funds to support this activity are budgeted in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to augment the Hire-A-Youth Program with Family Support Program funds from the South Bay Center for Counseling.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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