

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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January 11, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

SUBJECT: Receipt of Family Support Program Funds From the South Bay Center for Counseling to Augment Youth Opportunity Center Programs (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Workforce Development Bureau's Youth Opportunity Center (YOC) provides a wide range of development services to young people, ranging in age from 12 to 24. Over the last few years, the South Bay Center for Counseling (Center) has partially funded the YOC's Hire-A-Youth Program as part of its direct services contract with the County of Los Angeles.

The Hire-A-Youth Program targets employment services to young people, ages 16 to 24, who reside in the greater Long Beach area. The program specifically addresses multiple needs commonly faced by teenagers and young adults ready to enter the workforce. Services include employment preparation coaching, 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.

Typically, the Center provides \$50,000 of funding each six months to cover YOC staff costs and supportive services for the Program. Due to high performance over the last year, the Center is providing \$95,000 of funding for the period of January 1, 2005 through June 5, 2005. The additional funds will be used to help pay stipends for youth engaged in early work experience internships at businesses throughout Long Beach.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Everett L. Glenn on December 29, 2004, and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on December 30, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on January 11, 2005 to facilitate processing of the required documents.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Funding to support this program is budgeted in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). The General Fund will be used to pay for expenditures prior to reimbursement by the grant. As with most grants, as fiscal agent, the City's General Fund would be responsible for ineligible expenses should another eligible funding source not be available.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

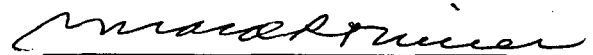
Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to receive Family Support Program funds of \$95,000 for the period of January 1, 2005 to June 5, 2005, and any subsequent time extension documents related to the grant award.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER

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