



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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March 3, 2009

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents with the State of California to receive \$257,136 in Workforce Investment Act funds as part of the Governor's Economic Stimulus Strategy. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Workforce Investment Network (Network) administers the Workforce Investment Act and other federal, state, and local employment and training funds received by the City. Those funds support job training programs and business services delivered by the Career Transition Center, the Youth Opportunity Center, Center for Working Families, Harbor WorkSource Center, and selected community-based organizations to assist local residents in acquiring skills that lead to employment in demand occupations by local employers.

With the rise in worker dislocations and unemployment, the Governor prioritized a certain portion of his discretionary Workforce Investment Act Funds to be allocated to twenty-five local Workforce Investment Boards most in need of additional assistance. In December, the Network received notice that it is to receive \$257,136 to help support additional demand for education, training, and job placement services by residents recently laid-off from jobs. The Network will prioritize the usage of these funds for re-training efforts.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on February 10, 2009, and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on February 10, 2009.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on March 3, 2009 in order to facilitate processing of required documents.

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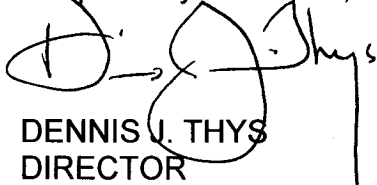
FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds are currently appropriated in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD) to support current year activities approximated at \$135,000. The remaining cost of \$122,136 will be appropriated in the FY10 budget. There is no impact to the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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APPROVED:



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