



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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August 5, 2008

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents with the County of Los Angeles to accept \$452,594 for a Summer Youth Employment Program from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and to execute any subsequent amendments that change the terms or increase amounts. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Workforce Investment Network's Youth Opportunity Center (YOC) provides a wide range of career development services to young people ranging in age from 14 to 24. Through its Hire-a-Youth Program, paid and unpaid work experience, internships, and direct placement opportunities are offered to thousands of youth. The County Board of Supervisors authorized funding for the seven Workforce Investment Boards to facilitate a subsidized work experience program for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Work experience and on-the-job training experiences will be provided at various public and non-profit organizations throughout Long Beach, Signal Hill, Torrance and Lomita. This year's funds will allow the YOC to employ approximately 250 young people, ages 14 to 21. Priority will be given to youth from low-income families, with an estimated one-third of the participants connected to the probation, foster and/or public assistance systems.

Prior to placement at work sites, participating youth will have attended work readiness sessions, focusing on employer expectations and workplace behavior. Youth will earn \$8.00 an hour for a maximum of 140 hours. Each participating youth will be assigned a case manager to help him or her get the most from the work experience opportunity, and to prepare for and address challenges that are common in the workplace. Transportation assistance will be provided for youth in need.

The Workforce Investment Network will prioritize approximately 75 percent for use during the summer months, with the remainder allocated to activities during the fall and spring semesters of the school year.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on July 15, 2008 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on July 16, 2008.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on August 5, 2008 in order to facilitate processing of required documents.


FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds are included in the FY 09 Proposed Budget in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). 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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