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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 United Way of Greater Los Angeles to receive a grant from the Los Angeles Workforce Funder Collaborative totaling \$125,000, and to execute any subsequent grant and contract amendments that change the terms or funding. (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.

The Network addresses demand occupations largely through industry sector strategies that link together business needs, local workforce skills gaps, and training strategies. The Network's Workforce Investment Board continues its focus on five key sectors, of which transportation and goods movement/logistics is one.

The United Way launched its Los Angeles Workforce Funder Collaborative in 2007 to similarly focus on key industry sectors in which employers find it difficult to hire skilled workers, unskilled employees trapped in low-wage jobs that fail to provide for their families' future, and where the need for skilled workers and job advancement opportunities has outstripped the capacity of the existing workforce development system. Staff of the Collaborative invited the Workforce Investment Network to submit a proposal around its transportation/goods movement/logistics strategies, and subsequently approved the Network for \$125,000 in funds.

A key focus of the industry training and placement will be short- and long-haul transportation. Through the project, approximately seventy-five low-skilled residents will

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be referred into training provided by private and non-profit training partners of the Network.

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.

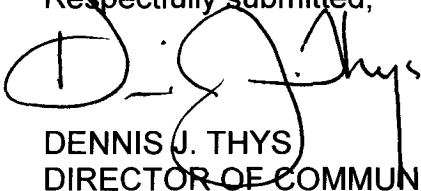
FISCAL IMPACT

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 estimated at \$90,000. The remaining cost of \$35,000 will be appropriated via the FY10 budget process. There is no impact to the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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