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August 22, 2023

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and all necessary documents or subcontracts including any subsequent amendments extending the grant term or increasing the amount of the award, with the City of Los Angeles, Economic Workforce Development Department (EWDD) to accept and expend up to \$1,118,547 in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds, to continue operations at the Harbor Gateway WorkSource Center, for the period of June 30, 2023 through June 30, 2024; and,

Increase appropriations in the Community Development Fund Group in the Economic Development Department by \$1,118,547, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to enter into contract with the City of Los Angeles, Economic and Workforce Development Department for a total amount of \$1,118,547 in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds, to continue operations of the Harbor Gateway WorkSource Center.

Pacific Gateway Workforce Innovation Network (Pacific Gateway) administers the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and other employment and training funds received annually by the City of Long Beach (City). Those funds support job training programs and business services delivered by the Workplace, Harbor Gateway WorkSource Center, Future LB, and selected community-based organizations to assist residents to acquire skills leading to employment in high-demand occupations with local employers.

Pacific Gateway operates the San Pedro-based Harbor Gateway WorkSource Center (Center) on behalf of the communities surrounding the Los Angeles Harbor under a contract with the City of Los Angeles. That Center functions similarly to other Pacific Gateway job centers by providing training and employment assistance to adults and dislocated workers and partnering with businesses to meet their workforce needs.

The contractual relationship with the City of Los Angeles and its Workforce Development Board continues to bridge strategies, allowing the neighboring Long Beach and Los

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Angeles communities to work together better in tapping into regional employment opportunities, including those of the Harbor area and its twin ports.

On June 30, 2023, the City of Los Angeles notified Pacific Gateway that it would receive \$1,118,547 in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds for continued baseline services to residents and services for the program year 2023-2024.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Monica Kilaita on July 28, 2023 and by Budget Management Officer Nader Kaamouh August 7, 2023.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action to execute an agreement to accept and expend grant funding is requested on August 22, 2023, to ensure the agreement is in place expeditiously.

FISCAL IMPACT

Pacific Gateway will receive grant reimbursement revenue in an amount not to exceed \$1,118,547 for the period of June 30, 2023 through June 30, 2024. An appropriation increase is requested in the Community Development Grants Fund Group in the Economic Development Department, offset by grant revenue. Pacific Gateway is responsible for submitting the Resource Sharing Agreement (RSA) to LA City which requires a match to the grant. The collocated partner providing with Employment Development Department (EDD) will satisfy the grant match through staff time in services such as job seeker workshops, one-on-one meetings with WIOA customers, referrals to WIOA, and special projects in support of the Harbor Worksource Center. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. Approval of this recommendation will result in employment preparation, placement, and retention services for several thousand job seekers.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



BO MARTINEZ
DIRECTOR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER