



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

R-23

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August 4, 2009

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents with the United States and the State of California Departments of Transportation in an amount totaling \$130,000 to provide training and placement services in construction and other building trades; and to execute any needed subsequent amendments.
(Citywide)

DISCUSSION

On March 18, 2008, the City Council approved the acceptance of a grant from the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Highways Administration via the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the amount of \$447,000 to provide construction trades training to residents through the Workforce Investment Network (Network). This construction trades training program was developed to meet the construction industry's need for skilled workers and provide low-income residents a range of rewarding career options in construction. The funding has supported community needs through the provision of intensive work/life skills training, basic skills tutoring, industry certifications and assistance in preparing to enter union apprenticeships. In March, the Network received an additional \$100,000 for a total of \$547,000 to augment training for residents.

Concurrent to the adoption of the economic stimulus legislation, the Network was invited to apply for anticipated federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds in partnership with the State. A grant award of \$130,000 in ARRA funds to the Network was announced in July to supplement the above Construction Apprenticeship Pathways (CAP) program.

The Network will continue its partnerships with the Los Angeles Unified School District's Harbor Occupational Center and Creation World Safety, Inc., as well as various workshops presenters, to ensure that ancillary project outreach, case management, and job development services in conjunction with Center for Working Families staff overseeing the project are provided to residents and businesses. For this year, approximately 115 individuals will be enrolled in the CAP program focusing on training and placement activities.

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This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on July 16, 2009 and by Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager, David Wodynski on July 15, 2009.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on August 4, 2009 in order to facilitate processing of required documents.

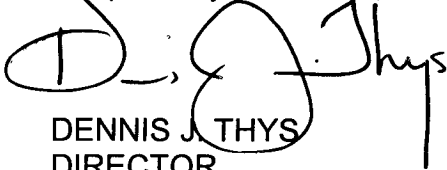
FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds are currently appropriated in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). This appropriation will support the estimated initial outlays in FY 09. Funding for next fiscal year's activities will be requested in FY 10. 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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