



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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March 18, 2008

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary agreements, and all subsequent amendments changing the amount or term of the contract, with the Federal Highways Administration and/or the California Department of Transportation for grant funding in the amount of \$447,000 to provide training and placement services in construction and other building trades during the period of March 18, 2008 through March 17, 2009; execute the Second Amendment to Contract #29919 with California State University Long Beach Foundation, adding \$81,000 in funds; and authorize an increase in appropriations in the Community Development Grant Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD) by \$108,000 (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

On October 18, 2005, the City Council approved the acceptance of a grant from the Federal Highways Administration via the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the amount of \$388,300 to provide construction trades training to residents through November 2007. At invitation by the Federal Highways Administration, the Workforce Investment Network submitted a proposal designed to build upon the success established through that initial project. The Network has been awarded the only continuation grant awarded in California, at an initial amount of \$447,000.

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 will support community needs through the provision of intensive work/life skills training, basic skills tutoring, industry certifications and assistance in preparing to enter union apprenticeships. Based on feedback from union apprenticeship programs and related employers, the curriculum has been modified toward a greater emphasis on candidates' work readiness. Through the initial grant, 145 low-income residents were trained, with 85% placed in high-growth jobs; 17 entered labor apprenticeship programs.

Through its One-Stop Career Center services contract with the Workforce Investment Network, California State University Long Beach Foundation will continue to provide

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ancillary project outreach, case management, and job development services in conjunction with Center for Working Families staff overseeing the project. An amendment to Contract #29919 with CSULB is requested in the amount of \$81,000 to cover the additional project services.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on October 8, 2007 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on March 5, 2008.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on March 18, 2008 to facilitate processing of required grant documents.

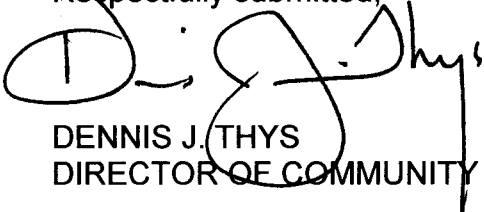
FISCAL IMPACT

An appropriations increase of \$108,000 is requested in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). The increase is included in the recommended action. There is no impact to the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

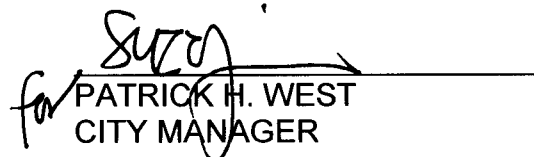
Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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