



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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September 23, 2008

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents with the South Bay Center for Counseling to receive a \$41,000 Hire-A-Youth grant and a \$30,000 Youth Prevention Initiative grant, and authorize any subsequent amendments that change the terms or increase grant amounts. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

As a direct youth services contractor to the County of Los Angeles, the South Bay Center for Counseling (Center) has partially funded the Workforce Investment Network's Hire-A-Youth Program (Program) over the past several years.

The Program is part of the Youth Opportunity Center (YOC), and delivers annual employment preparation and placement services to more than 1,000 young people, ages 16 to 24. Services address issues commonly faced by teenagers and young adults to prepare them to enter the workforce, and include youth job fairs and employer recruitments, employment preparation, coaching, resume writing assistance, interviewing skills practice and job referrals to employers.

The Center is providing \$41,000 of funding this year to partially cover the Program staff costs, scholarships, employer recruitment activities, and job shadowing activities for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

This year the Center is also providing \$30,000 to support a youth prevention initiative. Through this initiative, the YOC will schedule, coordinate and facilitate 15 community presentations related to youth work-readiness, employment and training, and community economic development. These presentations will be held at the Network's Career Centers and at designated Neighborhood Action Council sites. The program runs from February 26, 2008 through February 25, 2009. Services under this contract will not have commenced prior to the City Council's approval of the grant.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson August 4, 2008 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on September 4, 2008.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on September 23, 2008 in order to facilitate processing of required documents.

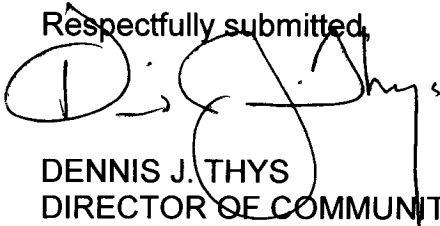
FISCAL IMPACT

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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APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER