



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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January 4, 2011

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 Capacity Building grant from the Los Angeles Workforce Funder Collaborative totaling \$50,000 and to execute any needed subsequent amendments; and to increase appropriations in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Human Resources Department (HR).
(Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network (Pacific Gateway) administers job training programs and business services delivered by the Career Transition Center, Harbor WorkSource Center, Torrance Career Center, and selected community-based organizations to assist local residents in acquiring skills leading to employment in high demand occupations by local employers.

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

The United Way and numerous foundations launched the Los Angeles Workforce Funder Collaborative (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 Pacific Gateway to submit a proposal around its transportation and goods movement/logistics strategies, and subsequently approved the Network for \$50,000 in support of capacity building for the next year.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on December 17, 2010.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on January 4, 2011 to facilitate processing of required documents.

FISCAL IMPACT

The receipt of grant funds is not currently budgeted. Therefore, an appropriation increase of \$50,000 in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Human Resources Department (HR) is requested as part of the recommended action. There is no impact to the General Fund. Approval of this recommendation will result in job training, skills enhancement, and employment opportunities for an estimated 20 residents.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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