

# CITY OF LONG BEACH **C-19**

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## RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute a waiver of federal receipt of the City of Long Beach's eleventh year allocation of \$16,566 in Juvenile Accountability Block Grant program funds to the County of Los Angeles, for the Juvenile Offender Intervention Network Program, to divert first-time serious juvenile offenders from the court system through an intensive, one-year program. (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

On June 17, 2008, the City Council, for the tenth consecutive year, approved a waiver of the direct receipt of City of Long Beach's (City) allocation of Federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) program funds to the County of Los Angeles (County). This approval authorized the County to use those funds for the Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN) Program to divert first-time serious juvenile offenders from the court system through an intensive, one-year program that includes restitution for the victim, community service, counseling for youth and parents, and monitored school attendance.

JOIN has a better than 85 percent success rate demonstrated by preventing recidivism, and ensuring payment of restitution to victims while costing one-tenth the cost of traditional juvenile court processing. Each successful JOIN case saves the justice system more than \$6,000 in avoided trial costs for the courts, police, probation, defense and prosecution.

The City has received an eleventh consecutive year of funding from the JABG program, administered by the State Board of Corrections. The allocation for the 2009-2010 program year is \$16,566, with a 10 percent cash match of \$1,841 for a total of \$18,407, which must be expended on juvenile accountability in the criminal justice system.

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The County has indicated a willingness to continue its partnership with the City under the JABG program. The City will use its allocation of JABG program funds to provide funding to the JOIN program administered by the County, and the County will provide the 10 percent cash match to the JOIN program.

Deputy City Attorney Gary Anderson reviewed this item on July 1, 2009, and Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski reviewed this item on July 2, 2009.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on July 21, 2009 in order to submit the waiver to the County District Attorney's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.


Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:

  
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