



## Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and all necessary documents or subcontracts including any subsequent amendments to the grant term or award amount, with the State of California, Employment Development Department (EDD), to implement workforce training programs and strategies in the local area and provide services to local residents and business, accept and expend Program Year 22-23 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant funding in an amount up to \$5,535,685, for the period April 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024; and

Authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary agreements with WIOA training vendors. (Citywide)

City Council approval is requested to accept and expend Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds from the State of California, Employment Development Department (EDD), to implement workforce programs and strategies in the local area and provide services to local residents and business.

In alignment with federal appropriation of WIOA funds to the State, the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency has allocated grant funds to the City of Long Beach (City), Pacific Gateway Workforce Innovation Network (Pacific Gateway) to administer the WIOA program with a term date beginning April 1, 2022 for Youth and Business Services and July 1, 2022 for all other programs. The WIOA grants will enable Pacific Gateway to implement workforce strategies in the local area and provide an extensive array of services to residents and businesses.

Employment and training services for residents will continue to be facilitated through the WorkPlace in Long Beach and operated by Pacific Gateway. Youth services will be facilitated through Future LB in Long Beach and various community-based service providers. Business services are integrated into each career center.

| <b>Allocation Breakdown for Program Year 2022 - 2023 Services</b> |                    |
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| Adult/Business Services   | \$1,841,746        |
| Dislocated Worker/Business Services                               | \$1,301,356        |
| Rapid/Response and Layoff Assistance                              | \$392,224          |
| Youth/Business Services   | \$2,000,359        |
| <b>Total Grant Funds:</b>   | <b>\$5,535,685</b> |

Pacific Gateway will utilize funds to provide vocational and skills development training to residents who are unemployed or underemployed. The training is provided in the form of customized and on-the-job training that is developed and negotiated between the local business and Pacific Gateway or through more traditional classroom-based or online training. For the classroom and online training, the State maintains a master database of approved training institutions and programs through the California Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL), which contains hundreds of local training providers. To ensure that local training investments lead to employment, clients accessing training services must select a State-approved vendor on the ETPL.

Pacific Gateway reimburses training providers for services at predetermined rates ranging from \$300 to \$7,500 for vocational and skills development training. Prior approvals from the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute required nonfinancial master Educational Agreements with each training provider, as well as the required purchasing documents to reimburse the ETPL training providers, which is consistent with federal WIOA regulations, and with the State's ETPL policy and guidance. Continued approval by the City Council for these actions is requested.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Monica Kilaita on August 3, 2022 and by Budget Operations and Development Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on August 2, 2022.

City Council action is requested on August 23, 2022, to facilitate processing of required documents

Pacific Gateway will receive approximately \$5,535,685 from the EDD. Sufficient funding is currently budgeted in the Community Development Grants Fund Group in the Economic Development Department and an appropriation increase is not requested. The grant does not require matching funds or in-kind services. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. Approval of this recommendation will result in employment preparation, placement, and retention services to several residents.

Approve recommendation.

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APPROVED:

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