



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract, and any necessary documents including any necessary subsequent amendments, with the Conservation Corps of Long Beach, of Long Beach, CA, to provide public service conservation work for youth on City of Long Beach property, in a total annual amount not to exceed \$4,000,000, for a period of five years, with the option to renew for one additional five-year period, at the discretion of the City Manager. (Citywide)

Council approval is requested to enter into a contract with the Conservation Corps of Long Beach (CCLB) to provide public service conservation work for youth on City of Long Beach (City) property.

The CCLB provides job training, on-the-job training, and environmental education to youth through various conservation and improvement projects. The CCLB's mission is "to raise self-esteem, develop basic work skills, work ethics, education and promote teamwork for Long Beach area at-risk youth through a combination of work, conservation, and education programs." For more than 30 years, the CCLB has hired more than 12,000 at-risk youth to work on projects for local cities, county agencies, and nonprofit organizations in the greater Long Beach area. The CCLB recruits and employs 18- to 25-year-old adults and trains them to carry out job duties to complete a variety of CCLB projects, primarily in habitat and park restoration and recycling. As a State certified conservation corp., the CCLB undergoes a yearly certification process by meeting statutory criteria defining the elements of a "Community Conservation Corp" outlined in Public Resource Code section 14507.5. Annual certification by the State of California recognizes that CCLB is operating according to mandatory statutes and fulfilling the mission of what it means to be a conservation corps program which includes working to preserve and protect the environment while also providing service and skill-building opportunities for young adults. There is no other vendor in the City that provides this type of service to the community at the scale and professionalism that CCLB offers, and the Department of Public Works is requesting to enter into this contract with CCLB based on their unique positioning and ability.

On March 6, 2012, the City Council entered into an agreement with the CCLB to provide public service conservation work for youth on City property for a term of five years, with one five-year renewal option. The current agreement expires on March 31, 2022. City staff recommends entering into a new five-year agreement between the City and CCLB.

City projects will be selected by mutual agreement between the City and the CCLB. All projects will be coordinated by the City Manager, or his designee, and the Executive Director of the CCLB. The CCLB shall purchase and maintain all applicable insurance, as required by

the City's Risk Management Policy.

City Charter Section 1801 requires that contracts for City purchases be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder after a competitive bid process, but allows for awards without a competitive bid process when authorized by a Resolution adopted by the City Council.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Erin Weesner-Mckinley on January 25, 2022, Business Services Bureau Manager Tara Mortensen on January 24, 2022, and by Budget Management Officer Nader Kaamoush on January 27, 2022.

City Council action to adopt a Resolution and award a contract concurrently is requested on February 15, 2022, to ensure the contract is in place expeditiously and avoid disruption to services.

The total annual amount of the contract will not exceed \$4,000,000. All City projects utilizing this contract will be authorized within the funding levels available in the City's annual budget. Any services not currently budgeted will only proceed at such time that appropriations have been approved by the City Council. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. The recommended action will result in a positive impact on local jobs. As projects are initiated, local youth will be employed, and job skills learned by youth while in the program may lead to future employment elsewhere in the City and surrounded area.

Approve recommendation.

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