



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary, including any necessary subsequent amendments, with the City of Inglewood on behalf of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (WIB), to accept and expend grant funding in an amount up to \$125,000 to operate a subsidized employment program for families in the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program, for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024. (Citywide)

City Council approval is requested to receive and expend grant funding in an amount up to \$125,000 from the South Bay WIB for Pacific Gateway Workforce Innovation Network (Pacific Gateway), to work with existing families in the CalWORKs program with priority given to Los Angeles County referrals of local residents whose 60-month time limit on public assistance is nearing an end. Staff will provide those trainees with an assessment and review of skills development to date, create an updated training and development plan, develop worksites and place residents into subsidized work experience, and assist with post-training job placement.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) operates a Transitional Subsidized Employment Program (TSE Program) for families receiving public assistance through the statewide CalWORKs program. CalWORKs provides cash aid, employment services, and other benefits to needy families. The TSE Program has been deployed to provide up to one year of work experience and training to CalWORKs adult residents with limited or no work history, with the goal of placement in unsubsidized jobs after training completion.

DPSS has contracted with the South Bay WIB, administered by the City of Inglewood, to serve as TSE Program coordinator and facilitator in Los Angeles County with the CalWORKs single allocation funds. To that end, the South Bay WIB has created the infrastructure for One-Stop Centers such as the Workplace and Harbor WorkSource Center to access a centralized temporary payroll and worksite development mechanism to place local resident trainees.

The South Bay WIB will directly pay the costs of the subsidized payroll expenses, benefits, and worker compensation policies, and will reimburse Pacific Gateway for its staffing costs associated with assessment, case management, monitoring, job development, and placement.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Monica Kilaita and Budget Operations and Development Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on July 27, 2022.

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

Pacific Gateway will receive up to \$125,000 in reimbursement grant funding from the City of Inglewood on behalf of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board to operate the CalWORKs program. Sufficient funding is currently appropriated in the Community Development Grants Fund Group in the Economic Development Department. This grant does not require matching funds or in-kind services. This recommendation has minimal staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. Approval of this recommendation will result in job training, skills enhancement, and employment opportunities for residents.

Approve recommendation.

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APPROVED:

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