



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into a Reimbursement Agreement, and any subsequent amendments, with the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) to reimburse the City of Long Beach, Fire Department (LBFD) \$21,000 to provide a Junior Lifeguard Preparatory Course at Cabrillo and Jordan High Schools for LBUSD students;

Authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into a Reimbursement Agreement, and any subsequent amendments, with the LBUSD to reimburse LBFD \$30,000 for tuition for LBUSD students to participate in the summer Long Beach Junior Lifeguard Program; and

Increase appropriations in the Tidelands Operating Fund (TF 401) by \$51,000 in Long Beach Fire Department (FD), offset by reimbursement revenue. (Citywide)

Following the great success of previous swim programs at City of Long Beach (City) pools, City Council approval is now requested to enter into two Reimbursement Agreements with the LBUSD. The first agreement is to allow the LBFD to expand the Junior Lifeguard Preparatory Course currently operating out of Silverado Pool into Cabrillo and Jordan High Schools. This course prepares prospective Junior Lifeguards to successfully meet the minimum swimming standards that allow for full participation in the summer Junior Lifeguard Program (JG Program), known throughout the community as the Junior Guard Program, for ages 9 to 17. The second agreement is to cover the tuition for LBUSD students to participate in the JG Program. The JG Program has been operating since 1967 and has historically prepared participants for careers in public safety.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Monica J. Kilaita on March 13, 2019 and by Budget Management Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on March 14, 2019.

City Council action is requested on April 2, 2019, to expedite the completion of the two Reimbursement Agreements with LBUSD.

Total revenue received from these agreements with the Long Beach Unified School District will be \$51,000. An appropriation increase of \$51,000 in the Tidelands Operating Fund (TF 401) in the Fire Department (FD) is requested. The appropriation increase will fund increased Lifeguard staffing costs needed to provide instruction and will be fully offset by the reimbursement revenue. This recommendation has minimal staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

Approve recommendation.

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FIRE CHIEF

APPROVED:

PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER