



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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August 3, 2004

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

SUBJECT: Receipt of Funds From the County of Orange to Provide Services Through the Statewide Nurse Workforce Initiative Project and Execute Amendments to Contracts with Subcontractors (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

In 2002, the Workforce Development Bureau (Bureau) and the Orange County Workforce Investment Board (County) collaborated on a grant proposal to respond to the Governor's Nurse Workforce Initiative (Initiative). The State responded with a three-year, \$2.1 million grant to recruit, train, and upgrade the supply and skills of nursing professionals, contributing to the short- and long-term availability of nurses in Long Beach and Orange County communities. By September 2005, more than 80 residents interested in the opportunity to obtain gainful employment in nursing will have completed their planned training program through the Bureau's portion of the Initiative. These are local students who either had completed educational prerequisites and were on a waiting list to begin the core curriculum courses for an associate degree in nursing, or incumbent health care workers of Long Beach Memorial Medical Center interested in pursuing the next level in the nursing career ladder.

The City Council approved receipt of the Bureau's second-year allocation at its October 14, 2003, City Council meeting, increasing the grant to \$702,000. The third allocation, \$232,500, brings the cumulative contract amount to \$934,500 for the period of January 1, 2003 through September 30, 2005. The Bureau contracts with Long Beach City College's Economic Development Office, and with Long Beach Memorial Medical Center (LB Memorial) to deliver the direct service elements of the project. For its part, LB Memorial sub-contracts its classroom training activities to the respective nursing departments at California State University Long Beach and Long Beach City College. Recommended contract amendment amounts for the Bureau's subcontractors are included in the attached Exhibit "A." The County serves as the grant recipient, and the Bureau provides local grant oversight and case management for customers served.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Everett L. Glenn on June 30, 2004, and David Wodynski, Budget Management Officer, on July 21, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on August 3, 2004, to process the required contract documents in a timely manner.

FISCAL IMPACT

This project is funded through Workforce Investment Act funds. Since the additional funds are currently not budgeted, an appropriations increase in the amount of \$232,500 is included in the recommended action below. There is no impact on the General Fund.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to amend the Nurse Workforce Initiative contract with the County of Orange, for a cumulative total of \$934,500, for the period of January 1, 2003 through September 30, 2005;
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute amendments to contracts with organizations specified in Exhibit "A" to provide services under the Nurse Workforce Initiative for the cumulative period of January 1, 2003 through September 30, 2005; and
3. Increase appropriations in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) and in the Department of Community Development (CD) by \$232,500.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER

Attachment: Exhibit "A" – Subcontractor Funding Recommendations