

R-17

April 19, 2022

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and any necessary documents, subcontracts or subsequent amendments, including amendments to the grant term or award amount, with the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation to accept and expend grant funding in an amount up to \$1,670,000 for the creation of a new Space Beach program, a skills training program to enroll opportunity youth in aerospace careers, for a three-year period beginning May 1, 2022. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to enter into a contract with the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation and accept up to \$1,670,000 in funding to support the Economic Development Department in the creation of a new Space Beach program, a skills training program to enroll opportunity youth into aerospace careers.

Over the last ten years, Long Beach has made investments toward transforming itself through inclusive innovation and creativity that is equity-informed. The entrepreneurial spirit of the region's booming aerospace industry has resulted in unprecedented job growth, filling the void that was felt after the closures of Boeing's C-17 Globemaster III's and Gulfstream's manufacturing plant. Companies like Relativity Space, Virgin Galactic, SpinLaunch, and SpaceX, are bringing back to life, Long Beach's historic aerospace industry and transforming the city as the go-to destination for startups and workforce talent. Pacific Gateway requested a grant from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation to pilot Space Beach, a career pathway program that will connect 150 underserved disconnected youth over three years to the invaluable social capital of the aerospace industry, creating rich and meaningful connections between the region's innovations and entrepreneurs, exposing them to emerging technologies and careers, and placing them on pathways leading to family-sustaining jobs.

Pacific Gateway administers the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and other employment and training funds received annually by the City of Long Beach (City). These funds support job training programs and business services delivered by the WorkPlace, Youth Opportunity Center, Harbor Gateway WorkSource Center, and selected community-based organizations, to assist residents in acquiring skills leading to employment in high-demand occupations with local employers.

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This matter was reviewed by Principal Deputy City Attorney Richard F. Anthony on March 30, 2022 and by Budget Operations and Development Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on March 31, 2022.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on April 19, 2022, to facilitate the processing of required documents.

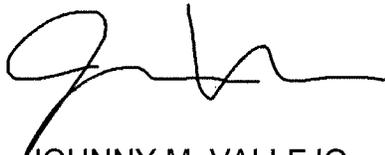
FISCAL IMPACT

Under the agreement, Pacific Gateway will receive grant reimbursement revenue in an amount not to exceed \$1,670,000 beginning May 1, 2022. These funds will supplement programs currently operated by Pacific Gateway with local, State, and Federal workforce grants, and no City match or in-kind service is required. Sufficient appropriation is budgeted in the Community Development Grants Fund Group in the Economic Development Department to facilitate this grant program. 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 create skills training, enrollment in post-secondary education, and employment opportunities for local youth.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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ACTING DIRECTOR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER