



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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April 20, 2010

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents with the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Program for Cities' Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (Cal GRIP) grant, necessary to accept the grant award in the amount of \$382,639 for a period of two years; and to execute any documents necessary for the implementation and administration of the program, including a required in-kind match of \$382,639; and to increase appropriations in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD) by \$382,639. (Districts 1, 6, 7, and 9)

DISCUSSION

The Department of Community Development has been awarded another round of funding from the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Program for Cities. The Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (Cal GRIP) grant is a two-year grant beginning on April 1, 2010 and ending on April 1, 2012. The grant amount is \$382,639 with a 100 percent in-kind match provided by Long Beach Workforce Investment Network, Community Development - Neighborhood Services Bureau, Long Beach Police Department, Department of Health and Human Services - Weed & Seed Program, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Long Beach.

The objectives and outcomes section of the Cal GRIP grant is attached as Exhibit A. The guidelines for the Cal GRIP grant require that police beats with crime statistics related to gang activity be the focus of the grant activities. For this Cal GRIP grant, the focus areas are police beats 404, 405, 407, 321, and 323. (Exhibit B).

The grant will enhance the current Cal GRIP grant that was awarded in 2008, and will continue to complement the Weed and Seed Program efforts of implementing a community-based, multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and neighborhood restoration. The Cal GRIP grant will provide youth, who have been identified as actively involved in criminal or gang activity, with positive alternatives to gang participation in a safe environment; promote community awareness and education through anti-gang messages; and enhance the coordination of existing efforts and resources related to youth and gang violence prevention, intervention, and community services.

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The Cal GRIP grant will employ an "evidence based" strategy called the Safe Community Partnership that will involve multiple City departments in a program called "Cease Fire." This model has been successful in other large cities within the United States and has proven to save lives, documenting a 25 to 60 percent reduction in homicides. In addition, the Cal GRIP grant focuses on assisting other local anti-gang efforts garnering resources from the Department of Health and Human Services, the Police Department, Long Beach Unified School District, California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), community-based organizations and other regional partners.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on March 25, 2010 and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on March 31, 2010.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on April 20, as the grant agreement must be executed and submitted to CALEMA no later than April 30, 2010.

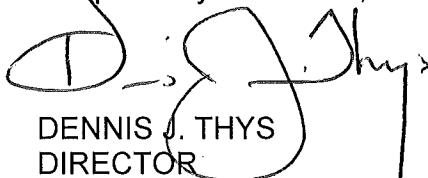
FISCAL IMPACT

The receipt of \$382,639 in grant funds is not currently budgeted. Therefore an appropriation increase in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD) is requested as part of the recommended action. The required 100 percent City match will be provided through the existing appropriation in various City departments. There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,




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DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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4.20.10 Cal GRIP Grant v6

Attachments: Exhibit A - CALGRIP Project Outline
Exhibit B - Beat Map

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

CALGRIP - Ceasefire Project Outline And Objectives

This community plan, developed by the GRIP Coordinating Council, will build on services currently provided and successes achieved in prior programs to create an integrated program that provides services and an effective continuum of care for youth and young adults in the highest risk categories. Incorporating schools, families, CBOs, the faith-based community, the juvenile justice system, child welfare, businesses and neighborhoods will enable stakeholders to work towards aligning efforts to a singular strategy that will maximize resources and reduce gang violence. It will also ensure that families have a voice and choices in the process with supports that are culturally respectful and individualized plans that operate from strengths of the families and the community. A team approach using collaboration, persistence and observable, measurable indicators of success will support lasting positive behavior changes.

The prevention component will utilize evidence-based curriculum from the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Model Program list and the intervention and suppression components will utilize the successful elements of the Boston "Ceasefire" model and the Safe Community Partnership Strategy. This is a proactive approach to changing behavior.

The following are quantifiable objectives specific to the proposed project each year of the project are:

- 1) 250 youths from the targeted areas ages 10 - 13 will graduate from programs in gang prevention, alcohol and drug prevention delivered by community-based partners and students from California State University Long Beach (CSULB) and Dominguez Hills (CSUDH)
- 2) 60 youths from the targeted areas ages 12 – 16 will participate in intervention strategies delivered by community partners and officers from the LBPD, CSULB & CSUDH interns
- 3) 30 youth and 30 adults will be provided with reentry services delivered by community partners and officers from the Long Beach Police Department
- 4) 15 youth and 15 adults (ages 18 – 24) will obtain GED or high school diplomas
- 5) 15 youth and 15 adults will complete the job training and development programs at the Youth Opportunity Center and Pacific Gateway respectively
- 6) 40 families will be provided referrals to family and community services and will be tracked and monitored by community case managers and interns from CSULB & CSUDH
- 7) 2 new gang injunctions will be implemented in the targeted area with an increase in gang injunction arrests from previous years

- 8) 2 gang enforcement operations will be conducted in partnership with the Federal and/or local law enforcement agencies which border the City of Long Beach
- 9) LBPD will coordinate 3 "call ins" per year for the duration of the grant

Community-Mobilization is being implemented under the prior CalGRIP grant award. Because of the diversity of Long Beach and the amount of resources within the community, Long Beach P.E.A.C.E. Project will take a comprehensive, culturally sensitive approach in providing wrap-around services to the youth and families judged most at-risk. While the youth may be the central focus, Long Beach P.E.A.C.E. Project believes the real problem can not be addressed without including all members of the family in the process and providing individualized resources and support through community organizations to meet each families needs. Youth indicate parents are still the greatest influence in their lives (National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign, 2008). Youth have also expressed in community meetings that they would like adults to have an opportunity to learn how to be better parents. By offering incentives to parents for completion of parenting classes, the desire is that parents will voluntarily participate. By working with the court system, parole and probation, participation may be required. By eliminating fragmentation and by coordinating services, and engaging relevant stakeholders, resources will be used more efficiently. A community marketing campaign, one-on-one meetings, and the "call-ins" will raise awareness of the program. Intensive case management and incentives will ensure families and youth will take advantage of the opportunities provided.

Another key partner in aligning policy and service delivery is The California Endowment. Long Beach has been selected as one of 14 cities in California to participate in The California Endowment Foundation's "Healthy Cities Initiative." This project will move the policy and decision-making process for public health outcomes and influence the development of additional supportive services to fill gaps so youth will not feel the need to join gangs for safety and social reasons. Youth are participating through a series of focus groups that prioritize their needs.

EXHIBIT B

LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT 2009 BEAT MAP

