



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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August 1, 2006

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary agreements with the County of Los Angeles to receive a \$427,000 grant for the Summer Youth Employment Program for the period of July 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006. (Citywide)

**DISCUSSION**

The Workforce Development Bureau's Youth Opportunity Center (YOC) provides a wide range of development services to young people, ranging in age from 14 to 24. Among those services providing opportunities for work experience and on-the-job learning is key. After discontinuing funding for a 7<sup>th</sup> year of its Summer Youth Employment Program (Program), the County of Los Angeles has received approval from the Board of Supervisors to provide funds this summer for an additional year of youth work experience during the summer months. The City has received notice of funding of \$427,000 for a Program to run July 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006.

The Program provides paid work and on-the-job training experiences at various government and non-profit offices throughout Long Beach. This year's funds will allow the YOC to employ approximately 225 young persons, ages 14 – 21, between July 24 and September 1. Youth served in the YOC's Program will be from low-income families, with at least a quarter of the participants' families receiving public assistance.

Prior to placement at work sites, participating youth will have attended work readiness sessions, focusing on employer expectations and workplace behaviors. Youth will earn \$6.75 an hour for a total of 150 hours, working an average of 25 hours per week. Each participating youth will be assigned a case manager to help him or her get the most from the work experience opportunity, and to deal with issues that arise in the workplace. Transportation assistance will be provided for youth in need.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney J. Charles Parkin on July 5, 2006 and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on July 19, 2006.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on August 1, 2006, to facilitate processing of required documents.

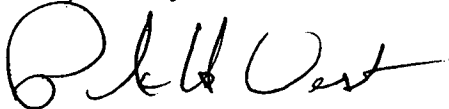
FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds are currently appropriated in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). There is no impact to the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

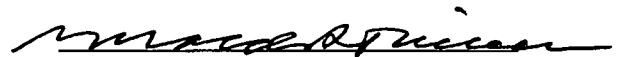
Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER  
CITY MANAGER

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