

**CITY OF LONG BEACH**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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March 22, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with the Long Beach Community College District to provide construction training for the Construction Apprenticeship Pathways Program not to exceed \$110,000 for the period of March 1, 2005 through February 28, 2006. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Because of the large quantity of construction projects existing in the City, the Workforce Development Bureau, in conjunction with the Long Beach Community College District, has developed a Construction Apprenticeship Pathways Program (CAP) to meet the construction industries' need for skilled workers.

CAP offers 10 weeks of Pre-Apprenticeship Construction training including Refinery Safety Overview (RSO) training, Hazardous Waste Operation and Emergency Response training (HAZWOPER), and CPR/First Aid training. Participants also receive assistance on industry trends and employment, direct referrals to unions/employers, and continued career support while working. Long Beach Community College District (LBCCD) will provide two pre-apprenticeship classes for up to 25 students at a cost of \$55,000 per class for the period of March 1, 2005 through February 28, 2006. Outreach will focus on population living in high-crime, low-income areas (Police Beats 4, 5, and 7).

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Everett L. Glenn on February 16, 2005 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on March 8, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on March 22, 2005 to facilitate processing of the required documents.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds to support this activity are budgeted in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). The General Fund will not be impacted.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Adopt recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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