



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

C-11

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February 7, 2006

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to receive a Governor's 15 Percent Discretionary funds grant in the amount of \$800,000 for the Partnership to Increase Nursing Education Capacity Project;
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with the Long Beach Memorial Medical Center for \$414,152 and the Long Beach Community College District for \$96,799 to provide educational and related activities for the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007, and any subsequent time-only extensions necessary to complete the project; and
3. Increase appropriations by \$800,000 in the Community Development Grant Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

In August 2005, the State Employment Development Department issued a Solicitation for Proposals (SFP) for Industries with a Statewide Need – Nursing Shortages in Healthcare. The City's Community Development Department collaborated with Long Beach Memorial Medical Center/Miller Children's Hospital (LBMMC/MCH) and Long Beach Community College (LBCC) on a proposal in response to that solicitation. On December 22, 2005, it was announced that Long Beach was one of 11 awardees statewide to receive a grant of \$800,000.

The Partnership to Increase Nursing Education Capacity Project is designed to increase the capacity of the LBCC Associate Degree Nursing Program by 70 slots annually and provide program retention strategies to maximize education outcomes. Education capacity will be expanded by increasing clinical site placements utilizing baccalaureate- and masters-prepared nursing staff as adjunct clinical faculty. In addition, LBMMC/MCH will provide on-site classroom space for all program sections and access to the Health Skills Education Center. Education outcomes will be enhanced by providing classes on study habits and test taking skills, monthly student meetings, academic tutoring, on-

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going mentoring, and financial assistance. The balance of the grant funds, \$289,049, will be used for project salaries, operating expenses, and participant support costs.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Everett L. Glenn on January 19, 2006, and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on January 27, 2006.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on February 7, 2006 to facilitate processing of the required documents.

FISCAL IMPACT

The funds for this award have not been budgeted; therefore, an appropriation increase of \$800,000 is requested in the Community Development Grant Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). This increase is included in the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.


Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:

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CITY MANAGER