

**CITY OF LONG BEACH**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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April 19, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents associated with a new grant award of \$800,000 for the Greater Long Beach Healthcare Collaborative Project to increase the number of healthcare professionals in the local area;
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with the Long Beach Memorial Medical Center for \$80,000 and the Long Beach Community College District for \$456,849, to provide educational and related activities for the period of March 1, 2005 through March 31, 2007, and any subsequent time-only extensions necessary to complete the project; and
3. Increase appropriations by \$800,000 in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) and in the Department of Community Development (CD). (Citywide)

**DISCUSSION**

In November 2004, the State Employment Development Department announced the availability of funds through a Solicitation for Proposals (SFP) for training of nurses and other healthcare professionals in California. The City's Workforce Development Bureau collaborated with local healthcare employers and higher education institutions on a proposal in response to that solicitation. In a press release on March 18, 2005, the Governor announced that Long Beach was one of 18 awardees statewide to receive a grant of \$800,000.

The Greater Long Beach Healthcare Collaborative Project expands the current Nurse Workforce Initiative and is designed to increase retention rates in the Long Beach Community College District's (LBCCD) Associate Degree Nursing Program, expand enrollment in the Radiologist Technology Program, and implement a new education program for Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists. At a minimum, the Project will train 5 Radiology Technicians, 10 Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists, and advance 48 students in the Nursing Program to completion of an Associate Degree in Nursing and assist them with passing the Registered Nurse Board exams.

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The \$800,000 award will support a total 2-year budget of \$1,523,396, with the balance augmented by \$723,396 in cash and in-kind contributions from Long Beach Memorial Medical Center (LBMMC) and LBCCD, including a \$200,000 cash contribution from LBMMC.

The \$80,000 commitment with LBMMC will support developing a Radiology Technologist career development path. This position will assist in coordinating clinical experiences, recruiting faculty and mentoring students. The \$456,849 commitment with LBCCD will support educational related activities including tuition, books, and supplies, as well as mentoring and retention strategies.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Everett L. Glenn on March 29, 2005, and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on April 6, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on April 19, 2005 to facilitate processing of the required documents.

FISCAL IMPACT

The new grant award is currently unbudgeted; therefore an \$800,000 appropriation increase in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD) is included in the recommendation. There is no impact to the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Adopt the recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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APPROVED:

  
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