



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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May 18, 2004

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

SUBJECT: Authorization to Receive Grant Funds From the State of California to Operate a California Transportation National Emergency Project (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Workforce Development Bureau (Bureau) of the Community Development Department administers the federal Workforce Investment Act funds received annually by the City. The funds pay for career development and business services delivered by the Career Transition Center, the Youth Opportunity Center, and selected community-based organizations throughout the city.

The City has received notification from the State of California of a \$230,919 award to operate a Transportation National Emergency Project for the period of April 1, 2003 through June 30, 2005. These funds are to assist workers dislocated from their jobs as a result of massive reductions in employment or plant closures in the transportation industry. This grant provides services for employees downsized from closure of Hamilton Sunstrand, Polar Air Cargo, and on a limited basis to those laid off from Boeing who are not eligible for Trade Adjustment Act Funds.

Services for dislocated workers are primarily provided at the Career Transition Center, where customers receive job search assistance, case management, career counseling, job development, retraining into demand occupations, supportive services, and access to a resource center and job club network. Planned service levels for the affected employees include intensive or one-on-one services to approximately 332 people. This project has been implemented in such a way as to facilitate a quick and effective re-entry into the workplace and to minimize the negative impact of these events on the local economy.

Services will be prioritized for affected employees and the new funding will be utilized by the Bureau to directly implement and oversee grant services to the Hamilton Sunstrand, Polar Air Cargo, and a limited number of Boeing workers.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Charles Parkin on March 3, 2004, and Budget Manager Michael Killebrew on May 6, 2004.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on May 18, 2004 to facilitate processing of the required documents.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant amount of \$230,919 is budgeted in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Authorize the City Manager to accept a \$230,919 grant from the State of California for the Transportation National Emergency Project for the period of April 1, 2003 through June 30, 2005 and execute any and all documents required in connection with the foregoing.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:


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CITY MANAGER