



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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August 17, 2004

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

SUBJECT: Second Amendment to Contract No. 27920 With the Amer-I-Can Foundation for Social Change, Inc. (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

The Workforce Development Bureau (Bureau) operates the Youth Opportunity Center (YOC) to provide a full range of employment and education services to young people, ages 14-21, who face barriers to the successful transition into the world of work. The YOC offers internships, work experience, assistance with completion of school, referrals to local education providers, and unsubsidized employment opportunities. To compliment services to the community, the YOC also contracts with various organizations to operate special projects using Workforce Investment Act grant funds, and to reach out to targeted youth most in need of services.

The Bureau's contract with the Amer-I-Can Foundation for Social Change, Inc. (Amer-I-Can) has provided self-improvement and life skills training, facilitated by former gang members or ex-convicts, for youth to acquire better tools to manage their lives and change their outlooks. Specifically, Amer-I-Can serves youth who are in the custody or under the supervision of court or parole/probation authorities; are gang members; are homeless, school dropouts, runaway or foster children; or are pregnant or parenting. Youth receive 200 hours of Life Management Skills training addressing key areas such as motivation, attitudes, goal setting, decision-making, problem solving, relationships, and employment. Over the course of the two-year contract period, Amer-I-Can received referrals from the YOC, as well as the Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine's Gang Intervention and Prevention Program and from Families Observing Culture Unity Students.

Amer-I-Can's services were initially procured through a Request for Proposals process. The current contract expired on July 31, 2004; the Bureau is requesting authorization to provide an additional \$10,000, and to extend the term of this contract through September 30, 2004. The requested extension would allow Amer-I-Can to close out its ongoing program activities and commitments under this contract, with the least impact on the youth served. During the requested time extension, staff will work with Amer-I-Can to ensure that youth currently enrolled in the program are properly transitioned into

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other services of the YOC, and that all final reporting of contract activities and outcomes is completed and submitted to the Bureau.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Everett L. Glenn on July 25, 2004, and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski, on August 2, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on August 17, 2004, to facilitate processing of required contract documents.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds to cover the requested contract extension are budgeted in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). This action will be funded with Workforce Investment Act grant funds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Authorize the City Manager to execute the second amendment to Contract No. 27920 with the Amer-I-Can Foundation for Social Change, Inc., to extend the term of the contract through September 30, 2004, and add \$10,000, for a total contract amount of \$310,000.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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