



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

SUBJECT: Receipt of Grant Funds From the State of California, Employment  
Development Department for Youth Programs (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

As the designated local workforce investment area for federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds, the Workforce Development Bureau (Bureau) receives and administers annual formula-based allocations of grants to serve adults, businesses and youth. The City Council approved receipt of those grants for the current program year on May 18, 2004. In July 2004, the City received notification of potential additional funds available for youth programs due to Long Beach having one of the highest concentrations of youth eligible for WIA services in the State.

As one of only ten local areas eligible to access additional funds, the State Workforce Investment Board requested a proposal for up to \$70,000, which was to indicate how additional funding would be spent, as well as an outline of strategies and proposed outcomes. Staff and the Youth Council partnered with the Long Beach Unified School District, County Probation Department staff located at the high schools, and the Long Beach Police Department to create a pilot gang divergence project in concert with the work of the Youth & Gang Violence Prevention Task Force.

The Project will focus on interventions for a group of 20-25 very at-risk youth – to be identified and referred by the Unified School District, Probation Department, and the Police Department – who have begun to show patterns of behavior and/or gang affiliation. Services will be provided and coordinated through the Youth Opportunity Center, delivered largely in a group cohort format. Services will be broad and intensive, and will include leadership development, mentoring, academic guidance, tutoring, supportive services, work experience, and vocational training leading toward employment or apprenticeship opportunities.

The State Workforce Investment Board approved the proposal on October 18, 2004, and has awarded the City \$70,000 for a retroactive term of July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Everett L. Glenn on September 21, 2004 and Budget Management Officer David Wodnyski on October 28, 2004.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding to support this activity is budgeted in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). By accepting this grant, the City agrees to act as fiscal agent. While not expected with most Federal grants, the City's General Fund would be responsible for ineligible expenses should another eligible funding source not be available.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to accept grant funds in the amount of \$70,000 from the State of California Employment Development Department for the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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