



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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September 13, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract between the City of Long Beach and the Long Beach Community College District in the amount of \$235,471, to provide services for the Fostering Nursing Student Success Program for the period of October 1, 2005 through August 31, 2010 and any subsequent amendments as needed to complete the contract; and increase appropriations by \$235,471 in the Community Development Grant Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Workforce Development and the Long Beach Community College District (LBCCD) collaborated with a consortium of community partners, including Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, Long Beach Community Hospital, St. Mary's Medical Center, and Pacific Hospital of Long Beach, to respond to a grant solicitation from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office for a Workforce Investment Act Funds grant to enhance graduation rates among Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Programs. LBCCD has been notified of an award of \$1,754,792 for a five-year period for the Fostering Student Success Program. LBCCD is the grant recipient and is contracting with the City to provide services under the grant.

The program is designed to increase the ADN Program's completion rate and passing rates for state licensing, thereby increasing the supply of qualified Registered Nurses. Results will be achieved by implementing interventions that address academic, situational, and dispositional factors that significantly reduce chances for student success.

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Through the collaborative partnership, key elements of the Program include one-on-one mentors; comprehensive assessment; targeted language, math, and critical thinking skills workshops; a new human patient simulator lab; an English language enhancement class and an online communication center. Workforce Development will provide services to address non-academic barriers to success, delivery of unmet supportive services needs, work readiness pre-employment skills training, and job placement.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Everett L. Glenn on August 24, 2005, and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on August 31, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on September 13, 2005, to facilitate processing of the required documents.

FISCAL IMPACT

The funds for this project have not been budgeted; therefore, an appropriation increase of \$235,471 is requested in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development. The appropriation increase is included in the recommendation. There is no impact on the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



for PATRICK H. WEST
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER