

October 12, 2021

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an amendment to Contract No. C-129853, and any necessary subsequent amendments including amending the terms, extending the grant period, or increasing grant amounts, with the City of Los Angeles, to operate a Work Readiness and Employment Services Design for the Los Angeles Reconnections Career Academy (LARCA) 2.0 Program, through June 27, 2022, at the discretion of the City Manager. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

On July 18, 2017, the City Council authorized the execution of an agreement with the City of Los Angeles (Contract No. C-129853) to accept \$150,000 in City of Los Angeles General Funds to operate a Work Readiness and Employment Services Design for the Los Angeles Reconnections Career Academy (LARCA) 2.0 Program. Program participants have access to various services provided at the Harbor Gateway WorkSource Center, including education and employment preparation training, supportive services, and occupational skills training.

Subsequent amendments were executed to increase funding by an additional amount of \$293,000, for a total award of \$443,000, and extending the term of the agreement through June 30, 2021. City Council approval is now requested to execute a sixth amendment to the agreement to extend the current contract through June 27, 2022, to continue to provide work readiness training and comprehensive employment services under the program.

Pacific Gateway operates the San Pedro-based Harbor Gateway WorkSource Center (Center) on behalf of the communities surround the Los Angeles Harbor under a contract with the City of Los Angeles. The Center functions similarly to other Pacific Gateway job centers by providing employment assistance to adults and dislocated workers, and by partnering with businesses to meet their workforce needs.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Amy R. Webber on September 13, 2021 and by Budget Management Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on September 23, 2021.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on October 12, 2021, to ensure the amendment to the agreement is expedited.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The requested amendment will extend the term of the agreement through June 27, 2022. This grant is funded by the City of Los Angeles General Fund. Pacific Gateway is eligible to receive up to \$443,000 in grant funds for the period June 1, 2017 through June 27, 2022. Sufficient funds are currently budgeted in the Community Development Grants Fund Group in the Economic Development Department. These funds will supplement programs currently operated by Pacific Gateway, and no City match or in-kind service is required. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. Approval of this recommendation will result in education and employment preparation, placement, and retention services for program participants.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



JOHN KEISLER
DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER