



CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

C-10

333 WEST OCEAN BOULEVARD • LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90802

August 3, 2004

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

SUBJECT: Contracts With Various Organizations to Provide Services for the 2004-2005 Youth Development Program (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 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 complement and enhance services in the community, the YOC also contracts with various organizations to operate special projects under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), and to reach out to targeted youth most in need of services. Youth served through WIA in the 2003-2004 program year breakdown as follows:

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT – YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SERVICE LEVELS FOR 2003-2004		
City Council District	Total Youth Served	% of Total (rounded)
1	25	12%
2	27	13%
3	1	<1 %
4	22	11%
5	2	<1 %
6	53	26%
7	14	7%
8	26	13%
9	21	10%
Signal Hill/Other	17	8%
	208	100.0%

It should be noted that the City of Long Beach was designated by the State of California to also serve Signal Hill and Catalina Island residents.

On February 9, 2004, the Bureau published two Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to procure similar workforce development services for approximately 250 at-risk youth classified as "in-school" and "out-of-school" for the period of October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005. In response to the RFPs, 17 proposals were received and rated by the Greater Long Beach Workforce Development Board's Youth Council. After follow-up interviews with applicant organizations, the Youth Council and full Board recommended on July 15, 2004, to fund eight in-school youth providers for 120 youth. Those recommendations for in-school service providers are attached as Exhibit "A." The Board also recommended to place five out-of-school service providers on an approved Service Provider List to be used, as needed, for referrals from YOC staff case managers as they provide services to an additional 130 youth.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Everett L. Glenn on July 14, 2004, and by David Wodynski, Budget Management Officer on July 21, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on August 3, 2004, to allow sufficient time to process the contract documents.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds in the amount of \$289,573 to support this activity are budgeted in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). Funding recommendations are indicated in the attached Exhibit "A" and this activity is funded by Workforce Investment Act grant funds.

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
August 3, 2004
Page 2

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Authorize the City Manager to execute contracts with the organizations listed in Exhibit "A" to operate in-school Youth Development Program projects for the period of October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



MELANIE S. FALLON
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MSF:ROW:BSR:sg
Youth.04.05

APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER

Attachment: Exhibit "A" - 2004-2005 In-School Youth Funding Recommendations