



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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October 11, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

### RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to adopt the attached resolution authorizing the application for the Fiscal Year 2005/2006 Reuse Assistance Grant Application and Implementation. (Citywide)

### DISCUSSION

The California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) provides funding to develop programs that reduce food waste through the donation of extra food from local supermarkets and restaurants to shelters and others in need of assistance. The CIWMB requires a resolution authorizing the grant application, which will provide for a two-year grant term.

In addition to providing food for the needy, this project enhances the City of Long Beach's compliance with AB 939. AB 939 requires cities to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills by 50 percent. This food reuse project will decrease the amount of food going to landfills and increase reuse of edible food.

The City of Long Beach will partner with Food Finders, Inc., a Long Beach non-profit organization to implement this project. Food Finders has successfully completed similar CIWMB reuse grants with other cities including: Lomita, Torrance, Palos Verdes, and Redondo Beach. Food Finders currently works with many Long Beach businesses and shelters. This funding would expand their efforts to reduce food waste.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Lisa Malmsten on September 30, 2005 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on September 27, 2005

### TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on October 11, 2005 in order to submit the grant application to CIWMB before the October 27, 2005 deadline.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The City of Long Beach will receive approximately \$50,000 to fund a food reuse program through Food Finders. This amount will be deposited in the Refuse/Recycling Fund (EF 330) in the Department of Public Works (PW). Matching funds are required, and can be an in-kind donation. This in-kind donation will be provided through volunteer time from Food Finders, City of Long Beach staff time managing this grant program, and through the creation of materials to promote this food reuse program.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve Recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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