

# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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September 1, 2015

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
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## RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents and any needed subsequent amendments, with the State of California to receive \$800,000 in Workforce Investment Act/National Emergency Grant (NEG) funds to operate a Healthcare training program. (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

Pacific Gateway administers job training programs and business services delivered by the Career Transition Center, Harbor WorkSource Center, and selected community-based organizations to assist local residents in acquiring skills leading to employment in high demand occupations by local employers.

Local job opportunities in demand occupations are largely addressed through industry sector strategies that link together business needs, local workforce skills gaps, and training strategies. Our local Workforce Development Board (Board) continues its priority focus on jobs strategies in key sectors, of which Healthcare and Logistics are primary.

In June of this year, Pacific Gateway submitted a grant request to the State of California seeking funds to support a training program that would train approximately 120 individuals in healthcare and logistics occupations. Pacific Gateway was recently notified that it was approved for \$800,000 to administer the training program.

In support of this program design, Pacific Gateway collaborated with existing and new partners to design, develop, and implement a multi-occupation training program to meet existing and emergent workforce needs in the region. This includes training programs such as Medical Billing and Coding, Logistics Analysts, and Business Operations Specialist, among others. These training programs will incorporate On-the-Job Training and Customized Training components, in which Pacific Gateway and employers will jointly share costs of participant wages.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Kendra Carney on August 11, 2015 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on August 13, 2015.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on September 1, 2015, in order to facilitate processing of required documents.

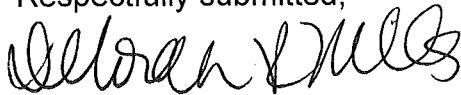
FISCAL IMPACT

The Workforce Investment Act/National Emergency Grant (NEG) funding is budgeted in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Human Resources (HR). The grant does not require matching funds for in-kind services. Approval of this recommendation will result in employment preparation, placement, and retention services to approximately 120 dislocated workers.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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