



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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June 15, 2010

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents and any needed subsequent amendments with the State of California to accept Workforce Investment Act (WIA) grants totaling \$6,057,474; and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute agreements and amendments with necessary WIA training provider vendors. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Subsequent to federal appropriations of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds to the State, the Governor's Labor and Workforce Development Agency has notified the City of its local share of funds to administer the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network for the Program Year beginning July 1, 2010. The WIA grants are provided to deliver workforce development services in the local workforce area consisting of Lomita, Long Beach, Signal Hill, and Torrance, and will enable the Workforce Investment Network to provide an extensive array of services to residents and businesses.

Employment services for residents will continue to be facilitated through the Career Transition Center and the Torrance Career Center. Youth services will be facilitated through the Youth Opportunity Center, and through several community-based organization service providers. Business services are integrated into each career center.

The allocation breakdown for 2010-2011 services:

▪ Adults/Business Services	\$2,009,177
▪ Dislocated Workers/Business Services	\$1,649,602
▪ Business Downsizing and Layoff Aversion	\$ 290,000
▪ Youth/Business Services	<u>\$2,108,695</u>
TOTAL GRANTS:	\$6,057,474

WIA funds allow the Network to provide vocational and skills development training to residents who are unemployed or under-employed. The State maintains a master database of approved training institutions and programs through the California Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL). To ensure that local skill training investments lead to employment, clients accessing training services choose from the State-approved vendors on the ETPL, utilizing the Network's labor market information, its industry partnerships, and one-on-one staff assistance in interpreting employment trends.

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Based on actual client usage of the hundreds of local ETPL vendors, the Network reimburses training providers for services at pre-determined rates ranging from \$300 to \$8,500 for vocational and skills development completion. City Council action on July 15, 2003, authorized the City Manager or designee to execute the non-financial master Education Agreement with each training provider; however, the resulting purchase orders, contract agreements and amendments are brought back to the City Council several times each year, as client demand influences purchase order amounts.

Approval is requested for the City Manager or his designee to execute the required documents to reimburse the ETPL training providers, as needed, consistent with federal WIA regulations, and with the State's ETPL Policy and Guidance. This will provide greater efficiency and alignment with the tandem process of executing Education Agreements.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on May 26, 2010 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on May 27, 2010.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 15, 2010, in order to facilitate processing of required documents to accept the WIA Grant funds.

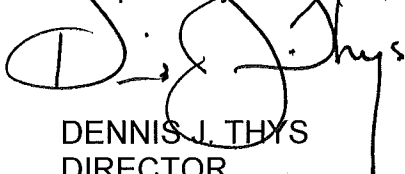
FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds are currently budgeted in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD) for Fiscal Year 2010 (FY 10) activities. The remaining amount will be appropriated via the Fiscal Year 2011 (FY 11) budget process. There is no impact to the General Fund. Approval of this recommendation will result in preparation, employment placement, and job retention services to several thousand residents.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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