



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

333 WEST OCEAN BOULEVARD . LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90802

August 16, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the City Manager to receive an award of \$139,850 from the State of California to operate the Work Incentive Grant for residents with disabilities through June 30, 2006, and to execute any required documents in connection with the foregoing. (Citywide)

### DISCUSSION

The Workforce Development Bureau (WDB), of the Department of Community Development, responded to and received an award of \$300,000 for a Workforce Incentive Grant Project (Project) from the United States Department of Labor which was approved by the City Council on August 19, 2003. That Award provides assistance to persons with disabilities to obtain employment and career development opportunities for the period from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2005. Because of the success of the Project, the City has received notification of an additional award of \$139,850 to continue the Project through June 30, 2006.

The target populations for this Project are individuals who are deaf/hard of hearing, blind/low vision, and others with development disabilities, such as cerebral palsy, or mental retardation, and long-term recipients of Social Security Disability Insurance. The WDB has developed collaborative relationships with a variety of organizations in the community to form a consortium of partners to provide workforce services for approximately 80 individuals. Partner agencies include AbilityFirst, Goodwill Industries of Long Beach and South Bay, State Department of Rehabilitation, Disabled Resource Center, California State University – Disabled Student Services, Long Beach City College – Disabled Student Programs and Services, Social Security Administration, and the Long Beach Mental Health Center.

Services are provided at the Career Transition and Youth Opportunity Centers and include employment and career advancement opportunities that result in increased livable-wage jobs with benefits.

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This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Everett L. Glenn, on August 2, 2005, and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on August 9, 2005

## **TIMING CONSIDERATIONS**

City Council action is requested on August 16, 2005, to facilitate processing of the required documents.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Sufficient funds to support this activity are budgeted in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). There is no impact to the General Fund (GF).

### SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BECK

**ACTING DIRECTOR OF** 

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** 

APPROVED:

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