

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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February 19, 2013

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents with the Wells Fargo Foundation on behalf of the Pacific Gateway Workforce Partnership, Inc., to receive \$100,000 in grant funding in support of ongoing business and jobseeker assistance; and execute any needed subsequent amendments.
(Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Pacific Gateway Workforce Partnership, Inc., (Partnership) was created by the Council on December 7, 2010, as a 501c3. The primary purpose of the Partnership is to help Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network (Pacific Gateway) secure funding in support of projects that align with Pacific Gateway's mission and strategic priorities, as public funds become increasingly limited.

In October 2012, the Partnership submitted a proposal to the Wells Fargo Foundation to advance Pacific Gateway's exiting business services strategy in Long Beach. These efforts focus on helping businesses that are most at-risk of downsizing connect to available public programs, and conversely, connect healthier businesses to training funds, tax incentives, and other resources with the goal of getting unemployed residents hired as quickly as possible. A key part of this effort is informing businesses of the Federal Hire-A-Hero program, which incentivizes the hiring of recently-returning, local veterans. This activity is expected to help connect 50 veterans to employment.

The Partnership was notified in December 2012 that it is to receive \$100,000 to support these efforts which will cover the cost of existing Pacific Gateway personnel dedicated to this project and enhance outreach and education efforts with local businesses of the federal Hire-A-Hero program.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on February 11, 2013 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on December 20, 2012.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on February 19, 2013, in order to facilitate processing of required documents.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient appropriation is budgeted in Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150 006) in the Department of Human Resources (HR). There is no impact to the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.


Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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