



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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July 7, 2015

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## RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents with the City of Los Angeles to receive \$72,872 in Workforce Investment Act funds for Pacific Gateway to operate a re-employment and training program in the Harbor Area; and to execute any subsequent amendments as necessary. (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

Pacific Gateway operates the San Pedro-based Harbor Gateway WorkSource Center (Center) on behalf of the communities surrounding the Los Angeles Harbor under a contract with the City of Los Angeles (L.A. City). Through the Center, Pacific Gateway provides employment assistance to adults and dislocated workers, and partners with businesses to meet workforce needs.

In March of this year, L.A. City's Workforce Investment Board approved allocation of additional funds to its WorkSource Centers to participate in its *Moving Forward* project. *Moving Forward* is a regional effort to ensure quality re-employment and training services to workers impacted by the closure of Nestle Prepared Food Company's "Hot Pocket" manufacturing plant in Chatsworth, CA. The project will collectively provide services to 124 individuals who have been discharged from the Chatsworth plant. Targeted employees are Limited English Proficient. Basic skills and language skills remediation will comprise a significant percentage of the cost of workforce programs directed at such individuals.

The City of Los Angeles recently notified Pacific Gateway that it is to receive \$72,872 in additional funds to serve 13 dislocated workers under the *Moving Forward* project. Funding received to serve these participants will be dedicated to allowable Workforce Investment Act training services, including Individual Training Accounts, On-the-Job Training, and Customized Training in the Logistics sector.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Kendra Carney and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on June 17, 2015.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on July 7, 2015, in order to facilitate processing of required documents.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total grant award under this program is \$72,872. Sufficient appropriation is currently budgeted in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Human Resources (HR). The grant does not require matching funds or in-kind services. Approval of this recommendation will result in employment preparation, placement, and retention services to approximately 13 job seekers.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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