



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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January 4, 2011

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to receive \$65,625 to operate a Job Access and Reverse Commute program and execute any needed subsequent amendments; and increase appropriations in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Human Resources Department (HR). (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network (Pacific Gateway) submitted a grant proposal to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) seeking funds to operate a Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program. This program aims to augment supportive services available to Pacific Gateway customers by providing taxicab transportation for approximately 175 job-seeking and newly employed, welfare recipient and low-income individuals. The project will enable individuals to arrive and return from JARC-eligible activities, such as job interviews, job training and employment, at times when regular forms of transportation are not available, or when unexpected circumstances make regular transportation impossible to utilize.

In November, the Pacific Gateway was notified that it is to receive \$65,625 in grant funds in support of its JARC program. Taxi service will be available 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. Each individual will receive an average of 20 fully subsidized trips for their use during the initial critical months of their job search and employment. The program is in partnership with Administrative Services Cooperative (ASC), the privately owned operator of Long Beach Yellow Cab and other affiliated taxicab providers.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on December 17, 2010.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on January 4, 2011 to facilitate processing of required documents.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The receipt of grant funds is not currently budgeted. Therefore, an appropriation increase of \$65,625 in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Human Resources Department (HR) is requested as part of the recommended action. There is no impact to the General Fund. Approval of this recommendation will result in transportation support to an estimated 175 job seekers.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.


Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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