

CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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May 3, 2016

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to receive and expend \$20,000 in grant funding from the Tesoro Foundation to support the Neighborhood Leadership Program Class of 2016; and,

Increase appropriations in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Development Services Department (DV) by \$20,000. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to accept a \$20,000 grant from the Tesoro Foundation to fund the Neighborhood Leadership Program, which provides training to residents working to improve their neighborhoods. The 2016 class marks the second year that the Tesoro Foundation has awarded grant funding to support the program.

The Neighborhood Leadership Program is a nationally recognized, multi-lingual, multi-cultural training designed to improve neighborhoods through capacity building of residents. The program is free to participants and has been offered by the Department of Development Services Neighborhood Services Bureau since 1992. Over 630 residents have completed the intensive curriculum, which develops leadership and neighborhood organizing skills. The Neighborhood Leadership Program Class of 2016, which began on March 3, 2016, will work together, learn grant writing skills and implement four community projects in West Long Beach. For most participants, the program marks their first experience with grant proposal writing. Participants learn the value of leveraging resources and developing partnerships to positively impact Long Beach neighborhoods. Participants will also attend a two-day human relations weekend retreat to learn effective conflict management skills, build relationships, and share team-building exercises. The program provides translation support to non-English speaking participants.

This matter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Michael J. Mais on April 12, 2016 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on April 15, 2016.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on May 3, 2016, to receive the grant funding in support of 2016 program activities.

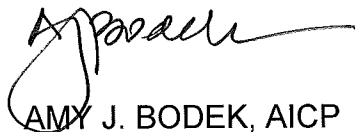
FISCAL IMPACT

The total program cost is \$30,000. An appropriations increase for the grant amount of \$20,000 is requested in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Development Services Department (DV). The remaining program cost of \$10,000 is covered by existing Community Development Block Grant funding. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:


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