



CITY OF LONG BEACH C-8

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents with the County of Los Angeles to receive \$441,100 to operate a Summer Youth Work Experience Program that will assist approximately 300 youth, ages 14-21; execute any needed subsequent amendments; and increase appropriations in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Human Resources (HR) by \$198,000. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is expected to authorize funding for the six L.A. County Workforce Investment Boards and other Service Providers to continue facilitating this year's summer youth employment opportunities for qualifying youth. The Summer Youth Work Experience Program (SYWEP) is designed to provide paid work experience opportunities and work readiness skills to qualified youth. Eligible youth may work an average of 100-120 hours during the summer months, while earning skills, experience, and wages. The County recently notified Pacific Gateway that it is to receive a contract for \$441,100 to serve approximately 300 eligible youth for the 2014 SYWEP. Eligible populations will include youth from low-income families and those connected to the probation, foster and/or public assistance systems, with a majority being recipients of cash aid under California Work Opportunity & Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs). Phase I of the program will total funds in the amount of \$198,000, while the remaining portion of the contract will be awarded in Phase II.

The County of Los Angeles will help facilitate youth outreach, deploying an automated database solution for Pacific Gateway to utilize for enrollments. Pacific Gateway will lead work site development efforts across its four cities, and will be responsible for work readiness training, quality assurance oversight, payroll, and case management of the trainees.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Kendra Carney on March 21, 2014 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on March 26, 2014.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on April 15, 2014, in order to facilitate processing of required documents.

FISCAL IMPACT

The SYWEP grant of \$198,000 is funded by the Temporary Assistance for Needy Family Funds and Net Cost County Funds through a grant from the County of Los Angeles and is currently not budgeted. An appropriation increase of \$198,000 for Phase I of the SYWEP grant is requested as part of the recommended action. No City matching funds or in-kind services are required. Approval of this item will result in placement of approximately 300 youth into temporary employment.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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