

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

333 WEST OCEAN BOULEVARD • LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90802 October 4, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute new contracts with various organizations to provide out-of-school services in the amount of \$450,000 and to execute the first amendment to contracts with four in-school contractors in the amount of \$200,000 for the 2005-2006 Youth Development Program. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Workforce Development Bureau operates the Youth Opportunity Center (YOC) to provide a full array of employment and education services to young people ages 14-21 who face barriers to successful transition into the world of work. The YOC offers internships, work experience, assistance with completion of school, referrals to local education providers, and unsubsidized employment opportunities. To complement and enhance services in the community, the YOC contracts with various organizations to operate special projects to reach targeted youth most in need of services. Programs are tailored to assist youth in two categories: in-school and out-of-school youth. Below is information related to youth served during the 2004-05 program year.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT – YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM Service Levels for 2004-2005		
City Council District	Total Youth Serviced	% of Total (rounded)
1	37	24.9%
2	15	10.1%
. 3	4	2.6%
4	15	10.1%
5	3	2.0%
6	32	21.4%
7	14	9.4%
8	12	8.1%
9	7	4.7%
Signal Hill/Other	10	6.7%
	149	100.0%

Last year, with input from the Youth Council, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was distributed to procure workforce development services for in-school youth, for the period of October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005. Seven in-school youth providers were selected for subsequent contracts. Based on performance, youth

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populations most in need, and available funding in the "in-school" category, the Youth Council and the Workforce Development Board are recommending an extension of funding for four of the seven subcontractors for the period of October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006. Those recommendations for inschool contractors are included in Exhibit "A."

On August 8, 2005, a new RFP for "out-of-school" youth service providers for the 2005-2006 program year was issued. Seven responses were received and rated by the Program Design Sub-Committee of the Youth Council. The Youth Council and Workforce Development Board ultimately recommended funding for five of the youth providers. The recommendations for out-of-school contractors are also included in Exhibit "A."

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Everett L. Glenn on September 15, 2005, and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on September 23, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on October 4, 2005, to allow sufficient time to process the contract documents.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds to support this activity are budgeted in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). Funding recommendations are attached as Exhibit "A" and this activity is funded by Workforce Investment Act grant funds.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted.

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DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

APPROVED:

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GERALD R. MILLER CITY MANAGER

Attachment: Exhibit "A" – 2005-2006 Youth Funding Recommendations