

September 13, 2022

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and any necessary documents and subsequent amendments, with the City of Pasadena, a municipal corporation, operating in its capacity as the contract and program administrator of the Foothill Employment and Training Consortium, to accept and expend grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$37,000 and participate in the Regional Plan Implementation 4.0 project for the period of April 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to accept and expend Foothill Employment and Training Consortium grant funding to participate in the Regional Plan Implementation 4.0 project and provide capacity-building training around diversity, equity, inclusion, and high road training partnerships, participate in workgroups, facilitate meetings, and reporting.

Pacific Gateway Workforce Innovation Network (Pacific Gateway) administers various employment and educational training programs through the WorkPlace, Harbor Gateway WorkSource Center, Harbor YouthSource Center, and Youth Opportunity Center (YOC), and partnerships with selected community organizations. These programs assist job seekers in acquiring skills leading to employment in high-demand occupations by local employers.

The funding is intended for the Los Angeles Basin Regional Planning Unit (LABRPU) to support the Regional Planning Units (RPU) in their efforts to develop regional leadership, and organize regional industry leaders and workforce, education, and economic development partners to promote systems change and worker empowerment by building a "high road" economy based on equity, skills, innovation, and shared prosperity. The Regional Plan Implementation 4.0 funding allows RPUs the opportunity to strategize and develop initiatives and partnerships to support continued efforts in implementing the three policy objectives of California's Strategic Workforce Plan: fostering demand-driven skills attainment; enabling upward mobility for all Californians; and, aligning, coordinating, and integrating programs and services.

On March 9, 2021, the City Council authorized the execution of an agreement with FWDB, Regional Planning Implementation 3.0, in the amount of \$28,055. Pacific Gateway will continue assisting in the Regional Plan Implementation 4.0 project by engaging in systems change activities focusing on race, equity, inclusion, COVID-19 response, and to support a high-road

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economic strategy that emphasizes high-quality jobs, environmental sustainability, and broad access to opportunities for a diversity of businesses and workers.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Monica Kilaita on August 24, 2022, and by Budget Operations and Development Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on August 25, 2022.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on September 13, 2022, to facilitate the processing of required documents.

FISCAL IMPACT

Pacific Gateway will receive grant reimbursement revenue in an amount not to exceed \$37,000 for the period of April 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022. Sufficient funds are currently budgeted in the Community Development Grants Fund Group in the Economic Development Department. These funds will supplement programs currently operated by Pacific Gateway, and no City match or in-kind service is required. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED:

THOMAS B. MODICA CITY MANAGER