

R-14

August 22, 2023

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and all necessary documents or subcontracts including any subsequent amendments extending the grant term or changing the amount of the award, with the State of California Employment Development Department (EDD), to accept and expend Program Year 2023-24 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant funding in an amount up to \$5,235,976, to implement workforce training programs and strategies for the period April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025, and;

Increase appropriations in the Community Development Grants Fund Group in the Economic Development Department by \$5,235,976, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to accept and expend Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds from the State of California, Employment Development Department (EDD), to implement workforce programs and strategies in the local area and provide services to local residents and business.

In alignment with federal appropriation of WIOA funds to the State, the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency has allocated grant funds to the City of Long Beach (City), Pacific Gateway Workforce Innovation Network (Pacific Gateway) to administer the WIOA program with a term date beginning April 1, 2023 for Youth and Business Services and July 1, 2023 for all other programs. The WIOA grants will enable Pacific Gateway to implement workforce strategies in the local area and provide an extensive array of services to residents and businesses.

Employment and training services for residents will continue to be facilitated through the WorkPlace in Long Beach and operated by Pacific Gateway. Youth services will be facilitated through Future LB in Long Beach and various community-based service providers. Business services are integrated into each career center.

| Allocation Breakdown for Program Year 2023 - 2024 Services | |
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| Adult/Business Services | \$1,975,291 |
| Dislocated Worker/Business Services | \$1,232,074 |
| Youth/Business Services | \$2,028,611 |
| Total Grant Funds: | \$5,235,976 |

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Monica Kilaita on July 28, 2023 and by Budget Management Officer Nader Kaamoush on August 3, 2023.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on August 22, 2023, to facilitate processing of required documents.

FISCAL IMPACT

Pacific Gateway will receive grant reimbursement revenue in an amount not to exceed \$5,235,976 for the period of April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. An appropriation increase is requested in the Community Development Grants Fund Group in the Economic Development Department, offset by grant revenue. The grant does not require matching funds or in-kind services. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. Approval of this recommendation will result in employment preparation, placement, and retention services to several residents.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



BO MARTINEZ
DIRECTOR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER