



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to adopt resolution designating the City of Long Beach as the Administering Agency and Signatory Authority for the Workforce Investment Act Programs; authorize City Manager to execute all necessary documents to receive Workforce Investment Act Title I funds from the State Employment Development Department totaling \$6,160,361; and increase appropriations by \$2,160,361 in the Community Development Grant Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD) for the period of April 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007. (Citywide)

Each year the City receives a formula allocation of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds from the State Employment Development Department (EDD) to deliver workforce development services to residents and businesses in the local workforce investment area consisting of Long Beach and Signal Hill. The Workforce Development Bureau provides an extensive array of services to residents and businesses through the Career Transition Center (CTC), the Youth Opportunity Center (YOC) and selected subcontractor agencies.

Services at the CTC are available for economically disadvantaged adults and workers dislocated by business closures or mass layoffs. Customers can utilize self-service resources, or if eligible, intensive and/or training services. Other services available include group or one-on-one job search preparation and assistance services, skills remediation, vocational training, in-depth "soft-skills" workshops, personal and vocational counseling, case management, vocational assessment, and supportive services.

Services for in-school and out-of-school youth are provided through the YOC and include work experience, drop-out prevention activities, gang prevention activities, tutoring, study skills training, basic skills remediation, academic enrichment, internships, job shadowing, occupational skills training, post-secondary preparation, leadership development, guidance counseling and supportive services.

Services to businesses, in tandem with the above programs, include matching of job openings to trained and qualified individuals, recruitment and assessment, training for incumbent workers, dissemination of local labor market information, and referral to other city and community programs that meet the unique requirements of each employer. WIA funding for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007 totals \$6,160,361, portioning \$2,068,209 for adult services, \$1,862,316 for dislocated worker services, and \$2,229,836 for youth services. The attached Exhibit "A" outlines the number of services provided for adults and youth last year.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Everett L. Glenn on April 27, 2005, and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on May 24, 2005.

City Council action is requested on June 7, 2005 to facilitate the processing of required documents.

The new allocation of WIA Formula funds is higher than anticipated in the FY05 Budget; therefore, an appropriation increase of \$2,160,361 is requested in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD) and included in the recommended action. There is no impact on the General Fund.

Approve recommendation.

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