



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract, and any necessary documents including any necessary amendments, with Long Beach Memorial Medical Center (LBMMC), of Long Beach, CA, for providing training and employment services to program participants, in a total amount not to exceed \$200,000, for the period ending December 31, 2021. (Citywide)

City Council approval is requested to enter into a contract with Long Beach Memorial Medical Center (LBMMC) for workforce development training through the Patient Care Assistant (PCA) program.

The PCA program provides customized training that focuses on developing transferable computer, clinical, and customer service skills essential for employment in the healthcare industry. The PCA program will serve 100 eligible participants, and each participant will complete 8 weeks (up to 320 hours) of classroom and clinical training. Pacific Gateway will provide overall project management and oversight, and prescreening for suitability. LBMMC will hire and provide full-time employment for all participants upon completing the training program and providing support for employee retention. Pacific Gateway has worked in partnership with LBMMC for over ten years providing customized training cohorts to residents and enrolled participants in the local community. The program has trained over 800 participants, which resulted in approximately 600 participants employed directly with LBMMC. Pacific Gateway will pay LBMMC approximately 50 percent of the extraordinary cost of providing the customized training and additional supervision related to the program.

Pacific Gateway administers the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and other employment and training funds received annually by the City. These funds support job training programs and business services delivered by the WorkPlace, Youth Opportunity Center, Harbor Gateway WorkSource Center, and selected community-based organizations to help program participants acquire skills leading to employment in high-demand occupations with local employers.

City Charter Section 1801 requires that contracts for City purchases be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder after a competitive bid process but allows for awards without a competitive bid process when authorized by a Resolution adopted by the City Council. The new contract with LBMMC will allow for the seamless continuation of the PCA program.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Amy R. Webber on April 15, 2021, Business Services Bureau Manager Tara Mortensen on April 14, 2021, and by Budget Management Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on April 20, 2021.

City Council action to adopt a Resolution and award a contract concurrently is requested on May 11, 2021, to ensure the contract is in place expeditiously.

The total amount of the contract will not exceed \$200,000 for the period ending December 31, 2021. The contract will be funded through a variety of State, federal and local workforce development grants. Sufficient funds are currently budgeted in the Community Development Grants Fund Group in the Economic Development Department. 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 training, skills enhancement, and employment opportunities for residents.

Approve recommendation.

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