

June 11, 2024

Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Long Beach  
California

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and any necessary documents, subcontracts, and subsequent amendments, including amendments to the award amount or agreement term, with the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research, CaliforniaVolunteers (CV), to accept and expend grant funding up to \$2,541,924 in State of California General Funds, to provide the Economic Development Department, Pacific Gateway Workforce Innovation Network, in the creation of the Long Beach Youth Service Corps, a paid work experience program, for the period of April 17, 2024, through December 31, 2025; and,

Increase appropriations in the Community Grants Fund Group in the Economic Development Department by \$2,541,924, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)

**DISCUSSION**

City Council approval is requested to enter into an agreement with the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research, CaliforniaVolunteers (CV) and accept and expend up to \$2,541,924 in funding made available under the State of California General Funds. The funds will be used over a 20-month term to create and implement the Long Beach Youth Service Corps, a paid work experience program (Program). This Program will create paid work experience opportunities that will increase youth employment, develop youth interest and experience toward careers in public service, and strengthen capacity to address areas of education, climate change, and food security. The Program will prioritize the engagement of young people from Long Beach communities and prepare them for careers in high-growth and emerging industries, connect them to workplace mentors and social capital-building opportunities, and bolster their civic engagement and understanding through education and hands-on experience.

Youth in Long Beach need access to career pathways to ensure self-sustaining economic stability and alleviate anxieties in future planning. Long Beach Youth Service Corps will support youth by placing 144 young people in work experience opportunities that will strengthen leadership development, increase social capital, prepare youth for careers, and increase knowledge through public service and projects to address community challenges such as access to education, urban displacement, climate change, food insecurity, and economic recovery at the individual and community level. The Program will increase access to pathways that expand economic and social capital for youth and young adults; increase programming and services that promote prosocial engagement for youth and young adults, especially those that are systemically impacted; and create healthier communities by addressing climate change through occupational training, community awareness, and education.

Through this funding, the Economic Development Department's Workforce Development Bureau, Pacific Gateway Workforce Innovation Network (PGWIN), will engage 144 youth between the ages of 16 and 30 in a robust career development journey incorporating community-led outreach, intake, job preparation, and professional and leadership development components. Approaches will include the continuation of the City of Long Beach's (City) Public Service Corps Fellowship, Long Beach Youth Climate Corps program, and the launch of an urban design community design program that, in partnership with Long Beach City College and community partners, will engage students in hands-on learning practices related to land use, housing, environmental planning, architecture, and community health. Funding will also support the youth across nonprofit community agencies across the city.

PGWIN 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 assist residents in acquiring skills leading to employment in high-demand occupations with local employers.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Marsha Yasuda on May 17, 2024, and by Budget Management Officer Nader Kaamoush on May 23, 2024.

#### TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 11, 2024, to facilitate the processing of required documents to ensure the contracts are in place expeditiously.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

Under the agreement, Pacific Gateway will receive grant reimbursement revenue in an amount not to exceed \$2,541,924 for the period of April 17, 2024, through December 31, 2025. These funds will supplement programs currently operated by Pacific Gateway with local, State, and federal workforce grants, and no City match or in-kind service is required. An appropriation increase in the amount of \$2,541,924 is requested in the Community Grants Fund Group in the Economic Development Department, offset by grant revenue. This recommendation has a moderate staffing impact beyond the budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. Approval of this recommendation will provide paid internships, job experience, and employment opportunities to the local community.

#### SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Economic Development

APPROVED:



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