

Date: April 1, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Dr. Joni Ricks-Oddie, Ninth District

Subject: Funds Transfer Request to Support Multiple Long Beach Organizations

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$2,675, offset by Ninth Council District One-time District Priority Funds, transferred from the Citywide Activities Department to support for the following:

1. \$250 to Black Health Equity Collaborative in support of their Community Health Awareness Fair on May 17, 2025;
2. \$550 to the California Conference for Equity and Justice (CCEJ) for the Roots of Justice that convened on February 28, 2025;
3. \$250 to Long Beach City College Foundation for their event on Saturday, May 17, 2025, in partnership with Playmakers and SoCal Adaptive Sports;
4. \$250 to Speak Up Empowerment Foundation Inc., in support of the Single Black Mothers Event on April 22, 2025;
5. \$1,000 to Partners of Parks to support The Long Beach Juneteenth Celebration;
6. \$375 to Black Employees Association of Long Beach in support of a Black History Month Celebration at City Hall; and

Decrease appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by \$2,675 to offset a transfer to the City Manager Department.

DISCUSSION

Black Health Equity Collaborative will host a Community Health Awareness Fair that encourages residents to learn about health resources and preventative care.

The California Conference for Equity and Justice (CCEJ) will hold the Roots of Justice Convening to promote dialogue and education around social justice.

Long Beach City College Foundation, in collaboration with Playmakers and SoCal Adaptive Sports, provides an opportunity for inclusive recreational activities for people with varying abilities.

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The Speak Up Empowerment Inc. Single Black Mothers Event offers valuable resources and programming to uplift mothers in the community.

The Long Beach Juneteenth Celebration, is an event that not only commemorates the history and resilience of Black communities but also serves as a vibrant celebration of freedom, unity, and cultural excellence.

Black Employees Association of Long Beach professionals in government, foster collaborative relationships, support career skills, and create a positive community presence. The annual Black History Month celebration is a time to recognize and celebrate the achievements of the Black community in Long Beach and the nation.

Supporting these organizations aligns with the City's goals of providing inclusive, educational, and healthy events to the residents of Long Beach.

This matter has been reviewed by Budget Manager Rebecca Bernstorff on March 20, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT

This recommendation requests the City Manager to provide contributions to Black Health Equity Collaborative in the amount of \$250, to the California Conference for Equity and Justice (CCEJ) in the amount of \$550, to Long Beach City College Foundation in the amount of \$250, to Speak Up Empowerment Foundation Inc. in the amount of \$250, to Partners of Parks in the amount of \$1,000 and to the Black Employees Association of Long Beach in the amount of \$375. The total appropriation increase of \$2,675 in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department will be offset by a decrease of appropriation of the Ninth Council District One-time District Priority Funds from the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department. The requested action is anticipated to require a minimal level of staff hours beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is expected to have a minimal impact on existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Joni Ricks-Oddie

Joni Ricks-Oddie, Councilmember, Ninth District