

March 19, 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 all necessary documents or subcontracts including any subsequent amendments extending the grant term, or increasing the amount of the award, with the City of Los Angeles, Economic Workforce Development Department (EWDD), to accept and expend grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, to provide Workforce Development services to reentry participants of Prison to Employment (P2E) 2.0 program seeking services leading to employment and long-term self-sufficiency in accordance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), for the period of January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024; and,

Increase appropriations in Community Development Fund Group in the Economic Development Department by \$250,000, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to enter into a contract with the the City of Los Angeles, Economic Workforce Development Department (EWDD), to accept grant funds up to \$250,000 to support the Prison to Employment (P2E) 2.0 program, which will serve reentry participants seeking services leading to employment and long-term self-sufficiency.

In 2018, the California legislature appropriated state general funds for the P2E Initiative to be administered by the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB). Workforce service providers across California use P2E funds for the integration of the workforce, reentry services, and supportive services, paving a pathway toward employment and away from recidivism for the formerly incarcerated and justice-involved population. On June 20, 2022, the CWDB announced the continuation of the P2E program as the P2E 2.0 program. The funds of the program would allow workforce development endeavors to continue to enable justice-involved and formerly incarcerated individuals to reenter society and thrive in the labor force successfully.

California releases approximately 40,000 people from the state prison system each year, many of whom have received in-prison job-training services, such as Career Technical Education (CTE) training, or have participated in programs operated by the California Prison Industry Authority (CalPIA). Concurrently, California manages federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds through its State Plan, developed by the CWDB and implemented by local workforce development boards across the state. The P2E 2.0 program is intended to strengthen linkages between the state workforce and corrections systems in order to improve

the process by which the formerly incarcerated and justice-involved individuals reenter society and the labor force. The partnership's goal is to improve labor market outcomes for justice-involved individuals by creating a systemic and ongoing partnership between rehabilitative programs.

The P2E 2.0 program, in collaboration with Pacific Gateway, aims to seamlessly connect employment, job training, and placement in prison to post-release jobs. By facilitating coordinated service delivery, it addresses the multifaceted challenges faced by individuals transitioning from incarceration to the workforce. This program serves as a model for establishing collaborative partnerships at both local and regional levels, ultimately enhancing labor market prospects and reducing rates of recidivism.

Pacific Gateway administers the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and other employment and training funds received annually by the City of Long Beach (City). These funds support job training programs and business services delivered by the WorkPlace, Future LB, 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 Principal Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on February 24, 2024, and Budget Management Officer Nader Kaamoush on March 1, 2024.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on March 19, 2024, to facilitate the processing of required documents to ensure the contracts are in place expeditiously.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, Pacific Gateway will receive grant reimbursement revenue totaling \$250,000 for the period January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024. There is no match or in-kind services required with this grant. An appropriation increase is requested in an amount of \$250,000 in the Community Development Fund Group in the Economic Development Department, offset by grant revenue. 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, training, supportive services, and retention services to justice involved residents.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bo Martinez
Director
Economic Development

APPROVED:

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THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER