

November 19, 2024

Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Long Beach  
California

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute a no-cost agreement, all necessary documents, and any subsequent amendments, including to the term, with the Long Beach Unified School District of Los Angeles County, for the Work-Based Learning, Job Shadow, Training Program and/or student internship experiences with the Health and Human Services Department for a five-year period estimated to begin February 1, 2025, at the discretion of the City Manager. (Citywide)

**DISCUSSION**

City Council approval is requested to enter into a contract with the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) of Los Angeles County for the purpose of providing work-based learning, training and/or student internship to students enrolled at all High Schools administrated by the District to help students gain practical career experience in alignment with their pathway. LBUSD offers students valuable opportunities through work-based learning, job shadowing, training programs, and internships. These programs align with California's educational standards and provide students with real-world career experiences. The LBUSD Pathways Program raises career awareness, offers hands-on experience through internships in fields such as healthcare, engineering, and business, and prepares students for future careers through professional development activities.

This partnership specifically focuses on high school students, helping them transition from education to the workforce. The partnership will initially focus on the Department of Health and Human Services' (Health Department) Ronald R. Arias Health Equity Center, located at 6335 Myrtle Ave., Long Beach, CA 90805. Students from Jordan High School's AIMS Pathway will support the center's programs and operations, gaining practical experience in public health, while also receiving mentorship throughout their placement.

The program offers key benefits, such as building a pipeline of future health professionals by exposing students to public health roles, providing hands-on experience, and supporting major public health initiatives. Additionally, it addresses health equity by involving students from communities affected by social determinants of health, inspiring them to become future leaders who can work to improve outcomes in underserved areas.

This collaboration mutually benefits both the City and LBUSD, with students gaining mentorship, skill development, and career exploration while enhancing the Health Department's capacity to serve the community. Approving this partnership will strengthen ties between the City and its education sector and support the development of the future workforce.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Nicholas Masero on October 28, 2024, and by Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on October 30, 2024.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action to authorize the execution of an agreement is requested on November 19, 2024, to begin implementing program services.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendation. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER