

# Agenda Report

July 31, 2023

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Office of the City Manager – Career Services Division

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD TO RECEIVE PRISON TO EMPLOYMENT 2.0 GRANT FUNDS**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Find that the proposed action is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 21065 of CEQA and Sections 15060 (c)(2), 15060 (c)(3), and 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required;
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract between the City of Pasadena (administrative entity for the Foothill Workforce Development Board) with the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (administrative entity for the City of Inglewood), for the receipt of Prison to Employment 2.0 grant funds in the amount of \$235,382 over a 32-month term (April 4, 2023 to December 31, 2025)

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Prison to Employment 2.0 represents the continuation of the Prison to Employment Initiative. The Prison to Employment initiative is a grant program included in the Governor's 2018 budget and includes \$37 million over three years to operationalize integration of workforce and reentry services in the state's 14 labor regions. On December 16, 2022, the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, on behalf of the Los Angeles Basin Regional Planning Unit was awarded a grant under the Prison to Employment Initiative from the State of California, California Workforce Development Board to develop regional partnerships and plans to serve the formerly incarcerated and other justice involved individuals. The South Bay Workforce Investment Board is one of seven local workforce development boards (City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, City of Glendale [administrative entity for the Verdugo Workforce Development

Board], City of Pasadena [administrative entity for the Foothill Workforce Development Board], City of Long Beach [administrative entity for Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network], and Southeast Los Angeles County) that have come together under this initiative as partners to develop regional partnerships, coordination and plans.

On June 22, 2023, the South Bay Workforce Investment Board issued an award notification and distributed a Standard Agreement to the City of Pasadena [administrative entity for the Foothill Workforce Development Board] for Prison to Employment funding in the amount of \$235,382. Funding allocations were divided proportionally across eligible workforce development boards based on the number of projected participants.

The funding is intended for the Foothill Workforce Development Board to participate in developing a regional reentry activity plan, implementing a regional reentry hub model service, and enrolling reentry participants into career services. Services will be focused on formerly incarcerated individuals and their families and will mitigate barriers that are impediments that prevent justice involved individuals from successfully transitioning back to their communities and gaining reentry to the labor force in jobs that have career ladders that lead to living wages.

#### **COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

Approval of the recommended action has the potential to expand regional partnerships and plans to serve the formerly incarcerated and other justice involved individuals. This program achieves to better link education, job training, and work experience in prison to post-release jobs by fostering a system of coordinated service delivery to a population that faces a variety of barriers. It serves as a blueprint for building local and regional partnerships to improve labor market outcomes and reduce recidivism.

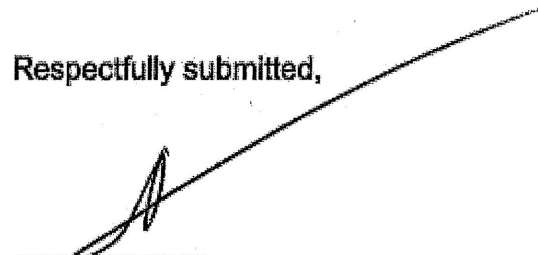
#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

The action proposed herein is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 21065 of CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060 (c)(2), 15060 (c)(3), and 15378. Entering into this agreement will not cause either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Therefore, the proposed action is not a "project," subject to CEQA, as defined in Section 21065 of CEQA and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Since the action is not a project subject to CEQA, no environmental document is required.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding for this action was included as anticipated revenue and expenditures in the current adopted FY 2024 Operating Budget. There is no anticipated fiscal impact on the General Fund as a result of this action and it will not have indirect or support costs requirements. The anticipated impact to other operational programs as a result of this action will be none.

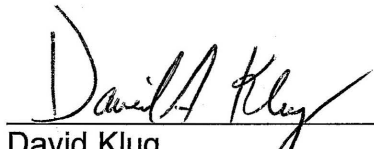
Respectfully submitted,



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