

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 REGIONAL EQUITY AND RECOVERY PARTNERSHIP 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 Regional Equity and Recovery Partnership grant funds in the amount of \$387,805 over an 32-month term (April 20, 2023 to October 31, 2025); and
- 3) Amend the FY 2024 Operating Budget to recognize revenues and appropriate expenditures in the amount of \$387,805.

BACKGROUND:

January 20, 2023, the South Bay Workforce Investment Board was awarded a grant under the Regional Equity and Recovery Partnership initiative from the State of California, California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) to expand and implement regional partnerships and strategies to serve underrepresented individuals in the Arts, Media and Entertainment. 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 May 24, 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 Regional Equity and Recovery Partnership funding in the amount of \$387,305. 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 and deepening of the existing Regional Plan Implementation efforts and will support and invest in partnerships attempting to add high road approaches to existing sector strategies and career pathway programs. “High Road” is a set of economic and workforce development strategies to achieve economic growth, economic equity, shared prosperity, and a clean environment. The strategies include, but are not limited to interventions that:

- Improve job quality and job access, including for women and people from underserved and underrepresented populations.
- Meet the skill and profitability needs of employers.
- Meet the economic, social, and environmental needs of the community.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

Approval of the recommended action has the potential to expand regional partnerships and plans to advance a field of practice that simultaneously addresses urgent questions of income inequality, economic competitiveness, and climate change. It aims to do this through regional skills strategies designed to support economically and environmentally resilient communities across the state. The industry-based, worker-focused training partnerships build skills for California’s “high road” employers — firms that compete based on the quality of product and service achieved through innovation and investment in human capital and can thus generate family-supporting jobs where workers have agency and voice.

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:

Approval of the recommended action will result in the City recognizing additional revenue in the WIOA Fund (68111011-630100-47810) and appropriation of \$387,805 for the Regional Equity Recovery Partnership funding (68111011-800500/814600/818800/828700-47810)

Respectfully submitted,



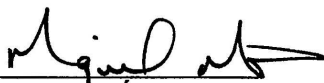
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