

Agenda Report

November 18, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Office of the City Manager – Career Services Division

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT 32710 WITH SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD TO REDUCE AWARD BY \$86,179 TO AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$301,626 FOR REGIONAL EQUITY AND RECOVERY PARTNERSHIP GRANT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find the proposed action herein is not a “project” subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21065 and within the meaning of State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c) and 15378(b);
2. Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 32710 with South Bay Workforce Investment Board (administrative entity for City of Inglewood) to reduce the contract amount by \$86,179, thereby decreasing the grand total to a not-to-exceed amount of \$301,626; and
3. Amend the City Manager’s FY 2025 Operating Budget by recognizing a reduction in revenue of \$86,179 in the WIOA Fund (68111011-630100-47810).

BACKGROUND:

On January 20, 2023, the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) 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. SBWIB is one of seven local workforce investment boards (City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, City of Glendale, City of Pasadena, City of Long Beach, and Southeast Los Angeles County) which have come together under this initiative as partners to develop regional partnerships, coordination, and plans.

On May 23, 2023, SBWIB issued an award notification and distributed a Standard Agreement with the City of Pasadena (for Foothill Workforce Development Board [FWDB]) for Regional Equity and Recovery Partnership funding in the amount of \$387,305.00. Funding allocations were divided proportionally across eligible workforce development boards based on the number of projected participants. This was approved by the City Council on July 31, 2023.

On March 29, 2024, SBWIB identified an error within the original agreement which calculated the funding incorrectly. Based on corrections to the award documents and adjustment to the number of enrollments, FWDB will receive \$301,626.

The funds allow FWDB 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 which:

- 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 support and promote the quality of life and the local economy by expanding 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 falls outside the definition of a "project" because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment under Section 15060(c) and because it is a type of project covered in 15378(b).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of the recommended action will amend the City Managers Department's FY2025 Operating Budget by removing \$86,179 in the WIOA Fund (68111011-630100-47810). There is no impact to the General Fund.

Respectfully submitted:



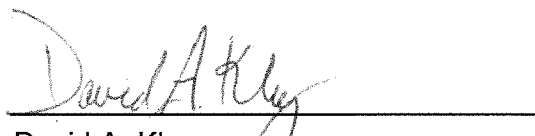
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