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The Honorable Eric Garcetti
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
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City Council
c/o City Clerk
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Attention: Mandy Morales, Legislative Coordinator

TRANSMITTAL: AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT \$750,000 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ), OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS (OJP), BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) FOR THE OPERATION OF A SECOND CHANCE ACT TECHNOLOGY CAREERS TRAINING DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR INCARCERATED JUVENILES

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager of the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) and the Chair of the Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board (WIB) respectfully requests that the Mayor and City Council:

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of EWDD, or designee to accept \$750,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for the operation of a Second Chance Act Technology Careers Training Demonstration Project for Incarcerated Juveniles;
2. APPROVE the EWDD request to allocate \$292,332 for direct services and program oversight;
3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of EWDD or designee to negotiate and execute City Agreements with the following grant application partners:
 - a. Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCD) in an amount not to exceed \$395,218; and
 - b. The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) in an amount not to exceed \$62,450; and

4. AUTHORIZE the Controller to establish a new interest-bearing fund called DOJ Second Chance Act Fund No. XXX;

5. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a receivable within the newly-established DOJ Second Chance Act Fund No. XXX from the US Department of Justice for \$750,000.
 - b. Establish new accounts within the newly-established DOJ Second Chance Act Fund No. XXX and appropriate as follows:

Account No.	Account Name	Amount
22L122	EWDD	220,125
22L299	Related Costs – EWDD	72,207
22LXXX	DOJ Second Chance Act	457,668
	Total	750,000

- c. Increase appropriations within Fund 100/22 as follows:

Account No.	Account Name	Amount
001010	Salaries-General	186,042
001070	Salaries-As Needed	513
002120	Printing and Binding	1,775
002130	Travel	12,000
006010	Office and Admin Expense	10,313
006030	Lease	9,482
	Total	220,125

6. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of EWDD, or designee, to prepare Controller's instructions needed to implement actions approved by the Council and Mayor on matters presented in or deriving from this transmittal, and/or make necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer; and further requests that the Controller implement the instructions.

SUMMARY

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance has awarded \$750,000 in grant funds to EWDD for the purpose of implementing its technology career training demonstration project with the goal of reducing juvenile recidivism. EWDD and its partners will recruit, assess, enroll and train 100 juvenile ex-offenders in the field of green automotive technology and green construction technologies prior to release. Juveniles will be provided in-camp educational and career training and post-release services with a focus on training, education and behavioral therapy. The goal is to place a minimum of 70% of those

participants into entry-level employment and/or 65% into post-secondary education upon completion of the program.

The areas to be targeted through EWDD's Los Angeles Youth Opportunity Movement/YouthSource Center providers are the South and East regions of the City where large numbers of probation/ex-offender youth return upon reentry. As required under the Second Chance Act, program outcomes will be assessed through the collection of recidivism indicator data for the one-year period after release.

The program term is from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

BACKGROUND

On January 13, 2014, the DOJ, OJP, BJA released the Second Chance Act Technology Careers Training Program for Incarcerated Adults and Juveniles FY 2014 Solicitation to seek applicants to provide technology career training to incarcerated individuals.

On March 17, 2014, the EWDD submitted its LABOR² ("labor squared") grant proposal on behalf of its LAYOM/YouthSource Centers in Watts and Boyle Heights, as a demonstration project with the goal of reducing juvenile recidivism.

The LAYOM/YouthSource Center providers serve the South and East regions of the City where large numbers of probation/ex-offender youth return upon release. These youth have minimal educational attainment, minimal to no work readiness preparation and face significant barriers to employment. The LAYOM/YouthSource Centers have been the recipients of multiple grants to serve probation/incarcerated youth and have extensive experience with this population.

The LABOR² proposal incorporated the proven elements of the evidence-based LAYOM program model, including intensive case-management, mental health/substance abuse counseling and treatment, and job readiness training to enhance the employability of youth ex-offenders ages 16 to 24.

On June 30, 2014, DOJ advised the EWDD that it had been awarded \$750,000, with an award term of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Pre-release and post-release services will be provided by LABOR² and its additional partners: Los Angeles Trade Tech College, the Los Angeles Unified School District's Camp Returnee Program, Chicago School of Professional Psychology and Public Counsel. The in-camp education curriculum includes contextualized-basic skills training focused on literacy and numeracy skills, and short-term hands-on technology-based vocational training in the "green automotive" and "green construction" industries. Industry recognized certificates will be provided and youth will be encouraged to enroll in an advanced degree or certificate training program upon release. Post-release

services will focus on the same training and education, and will include behavioral therapy. This program model utilizes employment technology-based careers as a means of reducing recidivism among the target population.

In addition, through its partnership with Los Angeles Trade Tech College, the Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCDD), a WIA subcontractor to the LAYOM/YouthSource Center in Watts, will facilitate the enrollment of all youth participants for college credits prior to release from detention, then usher them toward enrollment into an advanced industry-recognized certificated training program or a community college.


The DOJ's requirement to assess the outcome of programs funded under the Second Chance Act will be addressed through the collection and submission of all participant recidivism indicator data, particularly data illustrating returns to incarceration during the one-year period after release.

WIB ACTION

The City of Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board (WIB) approved the acceptance and expenditure of these grant funds at the Joint Annual Meeting of the Workforce Investment Board and Youth Council on July 21, 2014.



JAN PERRY
General Manager



CHARLES WOO
Chair
Workforce Investment Board

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Attachment: July 21, 2014 Report to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB)

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ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE
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Date: July 21, 2014

To: Charlie Woo, Chair
Workforce Investment Board (WIB)

From: Monica Walters, Manager Resource Development Unit (RDU)
Economic and Workforce Development Department

Subject: **APPROVAL OF THE ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S (EWDD) RECOMMENDATIONS TO ACCEPT \$750,000 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ), OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS (OJP), BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) FOR THE OPERATION OF A SECOND CHANCE ACT TECHNOLOGY CAREERS TRAINING DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR INCARCERATED JUVENILES**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) requests that the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) approve the acceptance of a \$750,000 grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Second Chance Act Technology Careers Training Demonstration Project for Incarcerated Juveniles grant for the Los Angeles Believes in Opportunities and Recidivism Reduction (LABOR²) project.

The EWDD requests \$292,332 for direct services and program oversight. Additionally, the EWDD requests authority to negotiate and execute agreements with the following grant application partners:

1. Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCD) in an amount not to exceed \$395,218; and
2. The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) in an amount not to exceed \$62,450.

BACKGROUND

On January 13, 2014, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice, Assistance released the Second Chance Act Technology Careers Training Program for Incarcerated Adults and Juveniles FY 2014 Solicitation to seek applicants for the Second Chance Act funds to provide technology career training to incarcerated individuals.

On March 17, 2014, the EWDD submitted its LABOR² ("labor squared") grant proposal on behalf of its Los Angeles Youth Opportunities Movement (LAYOM)/YouthSource

Centers in Watts and Boyle Heights, as a demonstration project with the goal of reducing juvenile recidivism.

The LAYOM/YouthSource Center providers serve the South and East regions of the City. Large numbers of probation/ex-offender youth return to these regions and upon reentry, these youth are faced with minimal educational attainment, minimal to no work readiness preparation and significant barriers to employment. The LAYOM/YouthSource Centers have been the recipients of multiple grants to serve the probation/incarcerated youth population since 2004 including the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA); LA County Probation High Risk/High Need and Students for Higher Education; WIA Intensive Transitions; and the California Employment Development Department's 15% Discretionary Funds. LAYOM/YouthSource Centers and their partners proposed to incorporate the proven elements of the evidence-based LAYOM program model through the LABOR² project, including intensive case-management, mental health/substance abuse counseling and treatment, and job readiness training to enhance the employability of youth ex-offenders (ages 16 to 24) through an introduction to career pathways in technology-based careers.

On June 30, 2014, DOJ advised the EWDD of its award of \$750,000. The term of the award is October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. The program goals are to recruit, assess, enroll and train 100 juvenile ex-offenders in the field of green automotive technology and green construction technologies prior to release.

LABOR² will provide pre-release and post-release services and incorporate a robust in-camp education curriculum component that is designed to provide youth with: 1) contextualized-basic skills training focused on providing participants with the literacy and numeracy skills necessary to succeed in post-secondary education; 2) short-term hands-on vocational training that will expose participants to technology-based careers in the "green automotive" and "green construction" industries; 3) provide industry recognized certificates in the aforementioned fields; and 4) encourage youth to continue to enroll in an advanced degree or certificate training program upon release. This program model utilizes employment technology-based careers as a means of reducing recidivism among the target population.

CRCD is a WIA subcontractor to the LAYOM/YouthSource Center in Watts and is one of the six partnering agencies funded by the Department of Labor Workforce Innovation Fund - Los Angeles Reconnections Career Academy (LARCA). Through its partnership with Los Angeles Trade Tech College, CRCD will facilitate the enrollment of all youth participants for college credits prior to release from detention, then usher them toward enrollment into an advanced industry-recognized certificated training program or a community college degree. CRCD's central location allows it to connect the East and South Los Angeles regions by serving the target population returning to the Central Los Angeles area.

LABOR²'s additional partners include Los Angeles Trade Tech College, the Los Angeles Unified School District's Camp Returnee Program, the Chicago School of Professional Psychology and Public Counsel to provide in-camp educational and career training and post-release services with a focus on training, education and behavioral therapy, and a goal of placing a minimum of 70% of those participants into entry-level employment and/or 65% post-secondary education upon completion of the program.

Assessing the outcome of programs funded under the Second Chance Act is major Department of Justice priority. The EWDD provided an assurance that all participant recidivism indicator data would be collected and submitted, as required. Specifically, the project will track, via the JobsLA.org, unique identifiers for participants, gain access to recidivism data, and report recidivism data, particularly returns to incarceration during the period one year after release.