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Attention: Mandy Morales, Legislative Coordinator

COMMITTEE TRANSMITTAL: APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (EWDD) TO ACCEPT AND DISTRIBUTE 2018 CALIFORNIA MEGAFIRES NATIONAL DISLOCATED WORKER GRANT (NDWG) FUNDS TO THE CITY'S WORKSOURCE CENTERS (WSC)/AMERICA'S JOB CENTERS OF CALIFORNIA (AJCC) TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY JOBS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CAREER SERVICES

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Interim General Manager of the Economic and Workforce Development Department ("EWDD" or "Department") and the Chair of the Workforce Development Board (WDB), subject to final WDB Executive Committee approval, respectfully request that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor as required:

1. AUTHORIZE the Interim General Manager of the EWDD, or designee, to accept up to \$10,425,000, from February 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020, in National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG) funds from the California Employment Development Department (EDD) to provide temporary jobs and workforce development / career services to individuals impacted by the 2018 Megafires (Woolsey Fire) in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties and to retain 10% of said funds for administrative purposes;

2. ACCEPT the EWDD's recommendation to allocate up to \$3,136,864 to Managed Career Solutions (MCS) to provide 200 individuals with workforce development / career services and 150 individuals with temporary employment;
3. AUTHORIZE the EWDD to enter into an agreement with Managed Career Solutions (MCS) in an amount not to exceed \$3,136,864 for 23-month period to run from February 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020;
4. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Establish new account and increase appropriations within the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Fund No. 57W as follows:

Account No.	Account Name	Amount
22R122	Economic and Workforce Development	\$156,422
22R166	Personnel	\$4,035
22R299	Reimbursement of General Fund Costs	\$100,308
22R622	Reserved for EWDD Oversight	\$781,735
22RXXX	2018 CA Megafires National Dislocated Worker Grant	\$9,382,500
	Total	\$10,425,000

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

Account No.	Account Name	Amount
001010	Salaries-General	\$129,858
001070	Salaries-As Needed	\$440
001090	Overtime	\$7
002120	Printing and Binding	\$14
002130	Travel	\$38
003040	Contractual Services	\$3,253
003310	Transportation	\$3
006010	Office & Admin expense	\$941
006020	Operating Supplies	\$3
006300	Lease	\$21,865
	Total	\$156,422

- c. Increase appropriation within Fund 100/66, Account No. 001010, Salaries-General, for \$4,035.
5. AUTHORIZE the Interim General Manager of EWDD, or designee, to prepare Controller's instructions needed to implement actions approved by the Mayor and City Council on matters presented in or deriving from this transmittal, and/or make necessary technical adjustments, subject to review by the City Administrative Officer, and instruct the Controller to implement these instructions; and

6. INSTRUCT the Interim General Manager of EWDD to conduct a new procurement prior to allocating additional California Megafire NWDB funds.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no negative impact on the General Fund as a result of these actions. All activities will be funded through 2018 CA Megafire-NDWG funds. Recommendations contained herein provide full cost recovery for all related costs.

BACKGROUND

In order to mitigate the extensive losses incurred by California businesses and communities from the megafires of 2018, the State of California Employment Development Department (EDD) applied for the "2018 California Megafires National Dislocated Worker Grant" (NDWG). On December 21, 2018, the EDD announced that it was successfully awarded \$44 million from the U.S. Department of Labor in NDWG funds to provide temporary jobs on fire clean-up and recovery projects and career services to individuals affected by the wildfires in Butte, Los Angeles, and Ventura counties.

On December 11, 2018, the Department received a notice of award from EDD for up to \$10,425,000 in NDWG funds available through December 31, 2020, to provide temporary jobs and workforce development career services to individuals impacted by the fires in Los Angeles and Ventura counties. The first increment allocation of \$3,485,404 was awarded to the Department immediately, with subsequent increments to be released once the Department has reached seventy-percent (70%) expenditures for the project.

RFI Release

On December 21, 2018, the Department released to its currently contracted WSCs *WDS Directive No. 19-13* "Request for Interest to Provide Temporary Employment in Clean-up and Restoration Efforts After the California Megafires of 2018." By conducting a closed procurement of its pre-qualified, pre-approved and in-place WSCs, the Department will be able to quickly provide temporary jobs for cleanup and recovery efforts, and workforce development career services to individuals impacted by the fires through our current WSCs.

Scope of Work

The RFI sought to identify WSCs that were qualified to participate in the disaster mitigation program, that were experienced with providing services under the same or a similar grant, that have sufficient capacity to provide job training, placement, and workforce development career services to project participants, and that will work with partners/collaborators. Named megafire worksites and impacted communities include, but are not limited to, the following affected by the Woolsey Fire; Simi Valley, Malibu, Point Dume, and other communities in the Santa Susana Mountains, the Santa Monica Mountains, the Malibu coast west to Solromar, and other neighborhoods along the Ventura Freeway.

Proposer(s) selected by this RFI will be expected to recruit and enroll eligible participants, ensure that such participants receive safety and mitigation training, and provide temporary employment in disaster cleanup and mitigation efforts, as defined in EDD Training and Employment Guidance Letter WIOA No. 2-15 (TEGL 2-15), and FEMA Declaration (FEMA-4407-DR). In addition, this project will provide workforce development services, including career services, support services and training to two-hundred (200) dislocated workers. Funding for this project will be allocated as follows:

No.	Workforce Development Services	Funding
1.	Work Experience / Temporary Employment	\$2,700,000.00
2.	Career Services	\$436,864.00
3.	Program and Administration – EWDD	\$348,540.00
	Total	\$3,485,404.00

MCS will be working with multiple community-based organizations in completing this project. Anticipated subcontractors include, but are not limited to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, San Gabriel Conservation Corps, Urban Conservation Corps and Center for Employment Opportunities.

Additionally, MCS will recruit citywide for eligible participants through the City's Workforce Development System, including its WorkSource Center and LA:RISE programs. Eligible participants include the following:

- Individuals who are temporarily or permanently laid off as a consequence of the disaster;
- Other eligible dislocated workers as defined in WIOA Section 3 (15);
- Long-term unemployed workers, as defined by the state; and
- Self-employed individuals who become unemployed or significantly underemployed as a result of the emergency disaster.

Procurement Process

Funding Recommendations

The Department received only one proposal from existing WorkSource Centers for this project. MCS whom operates the current CA Wildfire NWDG project, submitted the sole proposal.


EWDD reviewed the proposal internally and assessed the capacity of MCS to successfully implement the program. Based on previous performance with additional assistance grants, including a 2017 NDWG wildfire (Creek fire) grant, as well as overall WorkSource performance, EWDD recommends selecting MCS to implement the first phase of this program. MCS has demonstrated a capacity to successfully implement additional assistance grants targeting dislocated workers through previous grants, including the ability to develop collaborations with community based organizations that are necessary to successfully outreach and identify participants.

The Department intends to issue a second Request for Interest to identify additional providers for the \$6,939,596 balance of funds.

WDB ACTION


In compliance with the City Workforce Development Board--Local Elected Official agreement (WDB-LEO), the acceptance of funds by the EWDD for any workforce development grant in excess of \$250,000 is subject to the approval of the WDB, the Mayor, and City Council.

The WDB will be meeting on February 28, 2019 to consider the Department's recommendations contained herein.



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