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

**COMMITTEE TRANSMITTAL: AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND \$1.4 MILLION IN UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR YOUTH REENTRY GRANT FUNDS TO PROVIDE TRAINING, PLACEMENT AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS**

## **DEADLINE FOR ACTION**

The General Manager of the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) and the Chair of the Workforce Development Board (WDB) respectfully submit this transmittal for your review and approval. Approval of this item is requested no later than August 31, 2017.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The General Manager, EWDD, or designee, and the Chair of the WDB request that the Mayor and the City Council:

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, EWDD, or designee, to accept \$1,400,000 in funds from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Youth Reentry grant through the lead agency Family Health International (FHI 360) to be expended over the next three (3) years;
2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, EWDD, or designee, to negotiate and execute agreements with the RightWay Foundation to provide training, placement and supportive services to probation youth served under this grant, in

the amount not to exceed \$249,000, effective August 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018;

3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to establish a new interest-bearing fund titled "DOL Youth Reentry Grant Fund No. XXX" to be administered by EWDD.
4. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
  - a. Establish a receivable within the newly established DOL Youth Reentry Grant Fund No. XXX for \$1,400,000.
  - b. Establish new accounts within the newly established DOL Youth Reentry Grant Fund No. XXX as follows:

| Acct #       | Title                                 | Amount           |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| 22P122       | Economic and Workforce Development    | 183,886          |
| 22P166       | Personnel                             | 724              |
| 22P197       | Related Costs – Personnel             | 575              |
| 22P299       | Reimbursement of General Fund Costs   | 32,483           |
| 22P622       | Reserved for EWDD Oversight           | 435,332          |
| 22PXXX       | Family Health International (FHI) 360 | 747,000          |
| <b>Total</b> |                                       | <b>1,400,000</b> |

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

| Acct #       | Title                | Amount         |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 001010       | Salaries-General     | 28,848         |
| 001070       | Salaries-As Needed   | 37,568         |
| 002130       | Travel               | 2,008          |
| 003040       | Contractual Services | 696            |
| 006010       | Office and Admin     | 221            |
| 006020       | Operating Supplies   | 110,753        |
| 006030       | Leasing              | 3,792          |
| <b>Total</b> |                      | <b>183,886</b> |

- d. Increase Fund 100/66, Account No. 001010-Salaries General, for \$724.

5. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, EWDD, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions and any necessary technical adjustments that are consistent with Mayor and Council action required to implement the U.S. Department of Labor Youth Reentry grant.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no negative impact on the City's General Fund. All activities will be funded by the \$1,400,000 U.S. Department of Labor Youth Reentry grant through the lead agency FHI 360.

## **BACKGROUND**

In April 2017 the U.S. Department of Labor announced the availability of approximately \$66 million in grant funds to manage effective workforce Reentry Projects and activities. On June 27, 2017 the U.S. Department of Labor announced the Youth Reentry grant awardees, naming FHI 360 as the intermediary organization to serve young adults and youth in the following areas: Hartford, Connecticut; Boyle Heights and South Los Angeles; and St. Louis, Missouri. As part of a national collaboration, EWDD joined a national partnership with FHI 360, acting as the intermediary organization. The partnership is comprised of three organizations; (1) Our Piece of the Pie®, Inc (OPP) in Hartford, Connecticut (2) the Boyle Heights Tech Center, City of Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department; and (3) the St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE) in Missouri.

The partnership was awarded \$4.5 million to engage 563 youth from three urban centers that face high crime and poverty rates. Through this grant, the partnership will be able to demonstrate and share best practices serving justice involved youth. EWDD and the Boyle Heights Technology Center will receive \$1.4 million to serve 200 youth over three years beginning July 1, 2017. In this initial year, EWDD will be receiving \$450,000, and will be subcontracting \$249,000 to RightWay Foundation as the local partner.

### **Partners**

FHI 360 (Family Health International) is a nonprofit human development organization dedicated to improving lives in lasting ways by advancing integrated, locally driven solutions. FHI 360 has an annual budget in excess of \$610 million with more than \$56 million of subgrants, including current and past grants from the U.S. Departments of Labor, Education, Health & Human Services, and Justice. The FHI 360 project team for the Reentry Program will provide technical assistance, cross-site learning, and grants management. FHI 360's strong knowledge of justice, education, and youth development practices, as well as access to a cadre of expert technical assistance providers through Communities Collaborating to Reconnect Youth (CCRY) and the National Youth Employment Coalition, ensure that the needs of participants will be met.

The RightWay Foundation is a local 501 (c)(3) organization focusing specifically on foster and probation youth. The RightWay Foundation has been an on-site partner at the Boyle Heights Tech Center for a number of years and participated in the City's HIRE LA Youth program, and was recently procured through the USC Village local employment program. The RightWay Foundation seeks to address the statistic that 80 percent of California inmates come from the foster care system through its core program, Operation Emancipation (OE). OE is a 32-hour workshop series that combines trauma-informed, mental wellness activities and job readiness training to transition age foster and dually supervised (foster/probation) youth. OE emphasizes the

importance of processing trauma through therapy and teaches youth to manage trauma responses in order to be successful on the job.

### **Program Description**

The Boyle Heights Tech Center will be the local lead organization for the implementation of the grant. The Boyle Heights Tech Center will be responsible for outreach, recruitment, orientation, and assessments, and the RightWay Foundation will be responsible for training, workforce placement, and supportive services.

This program will provide the opportunity to build a customized project from evidence-based and informed interventions to serve young adults between the ages of 18 to 24 who have been involved in the juvenile or adult justice system or who have been incarcerated in the adult criminal justice system and released from prison or jail.

The focus of this initiative is to assist communities in planning and implementing comprehensive "reentry" programs to address the full range of challenges involved in helping formerly incarcerated adults and young adults who have been involved in the juvenile or adult justice system make successful transitions back to the community.

The intent of this initiative is to protect community safety by ensuring that these individuals:

- become productive, responsible, and law-abiding members of society;
- are provided with positive opportunities to engage in pro-social activities such as employment and/or education;
- maintain long-term employment;
- sustain a stable residence; and
- successfully address their substance abuse issues and mental health needs, as applicable, through partnerships with local programs.

### **WDB ACTION**

In accordance with the WDB-LEO Agreement, the Workforce Development Board approved the recommendations contained herein on July 26, 2017.



JAN PERRY  
General Manager



CHARLES WOO  
Chair  
Workforce Development Board