

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to authorization to allocate \$450,000 from the County of Los Angeles Probation Department to the Youth Policy Institute to provide workforce development services under the INVEST Program.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD), or designee, to negotiate and execute an agreement, and any necessary amendments thereto, with Youth Policy Institute for an amount not to exceed \$450,000 to implement the INVEST program, an employment and training program for persons comprising SB 678 Probation-connected reentry populations in Los Angeles County, for the period December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018, subject to Charter Section 1022 requirements.
2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to establish a new account and transfer appropriations within the LA County Probation/Los Angeles County Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) Fund No. 59P as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
From: 22P856	LA County Probation/WDACS	\$450,000
To: 22PXXX	LA County INVEST Program	\$450,000

3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, EWDD, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer; and, REQUEST the Controller to implement such instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Workforce Development Board (WDB) and EWDD report that there is no negative financial impact on the City's General Fund inasmuch as all items are funded by County of Los Angeles Probation Department monies. The recommendations contained in the February 9, 2018 joint WDB/EWDD report, attached to the Council file, comply with City financial policies, and provide full-cost recovery of EWDD salaries, expenses and all other related costs.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On February 27, 2018, your Committee considered a joint WDB/EWDD report relative to authorization to allocate \$450,000 from the County of Los Angeles Probation Department to the Youth Policy Institute to provide workforce development services under the INVEST Program. According to the WDB/EWDDt, the EWDD is partnering with the Los Angeles County Probation Department, WDACS, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the National Institute of Corrections (NIC), Los Angeles County America's Job Centers of California, community-based organizations, and various public and private entities to establish and launch the INVEST program, which targets SB 678 Probation-connected reentry populations throughout Los Angeles County for rehabilitation and eventual placement into jobs. The INVEST program is an innovative, multidisciplinary program that brings together all interested parties as

partners/collaborators and leverages the resources and reentry-specific experience of its varied partners. INVEST is evidence-based, relying on successful strategies for rehabilitation and job attainment of the NICs and local and regional workforce development agencies, and provides an all encompassing array of services to program participants crucial to a successful outcome, including job placement and retention and recidivism avoidance.

The program also leverages existing Countywide economic and workforce development initiatives. INVEST partner agencies participated in the "Offender Workforce Development Specialist" (OWDS) training offered by NICs in May of 2017. Upon completion of the OWDS, these participants, including probation officers and AJCC Career Development Specialists, received certification as "Global Career Development Facilitators," with specialized knowledge for assisting reentry populations as they transition from prison to jobs and careers. The INVEST program, focused and refined to offer the appropriate services at the appropriate time, comprises the following: skills and job assessments, soft skills training, enhanced social skills development, barriers identification, job skills development, job preparation, job training, access to education resources, employment retention strategies, system navigation of the County's America's Job Centers of California (AJCC), peer supports, intervention, supportive services, and career path development. Program participants will be offered support and case management, both from a participating probation officer and the Career Development Specialist at the AJCC. The probation officer and the Career Development Specialist will also serve as "rehabilitators" and job/life mentors/coaches.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee move to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the joint WDB/EWDD report and detailed above. Additionally the Committee moved to amend Recommendation No. 1 to further add that the agreement will be subject to City Charter 1022 requirements. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



**MEMBER   VOTE**

PRICE:       YES

BUSCAINO: YES

HUIZAR:     ABSENT

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