



CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

Report: Youth@Work funds from the Los Angeles County, Department of Economic Opportunity for the Glendale Youth Alliance

Motion:

1. Accepting Youth@Work funds from the Los Angeles County, Department of Economic Opportunity in the amount of \$500,000 from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, to enable the VWDB to distribute those funds to GYA;
2. Approving the award of Youth@Work grant funds to GYA in the amount of \$462,500 from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, as approved and recommended by the VWDB; and
3. Authorizing the City Manager, or their designee, to execute all agreements, certifications, and documents necessary to accept and implement the funding.

COUNCIL ACTION

Item Type: Consent Calendar

Approved for December 17, 2024 **calendar**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Los Angeles County, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) awarded the Verdugo Workforce Development Board (VWDB) funding of \$500,000 from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to provide work experience and job preparation training for students under the Youth@Work program. The VWDB has received this funding for over a decade to support students with the most barriers to employment with work-based learning opportunities. This fiscal year funding was delayed due to new contract agreements which required extensive review.

From July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, the VWDB will award Youth@Work grant funds to Glendale Youth Alliance (GYA) in the amount of \$462,500 to recruit, enroll, and provide work experience for up to one hundred and twenty-one (121) participants.

RECOMMENDATION

- (1) Accept Youth@Work funds from the Los Angeles County, Department of Economic Opportunity in the amount of \$500,000 from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, to enable the VWDB to distribute those funds to GYA;
- (2) Approve the award of Youth@Work grant funds to GYA in the amount of \$462,500 from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, as approved and recommended by the VWDB; and
- (3) Authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to execute all agreements, certifications, and documents necessary to accept and implement the funding.

ANALYSIS

The Youth@Work grant funding from the Los Angeles County, Department of Economic Development is \$500,000 from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to serve up to 121 participants ages 14 to 24, with up to 160 hours of paid work experience in placements that match the participants' interests and aptitudes, at \$17.28 an hour.

The VWDB's youth provider, GYA, will administer the work experience component of the program and receive \$462,500 for staffing and operational expenses and to administer the youth payroll. GYA's established business relationships with local employers will enable successful connection between these employers and students.

The remaining \$37,500 will be used by the VWDB to cover administrative expenses that includes oversight of the program. This fiscal year funding was delayed due to new contract agreements which required extensive review.

STAKEHOLDERS/OUTREACH

Youth@Work is targeted for youth between the ages of 14 to 24. The VWDB will partner with Glendale Unified School District and Burbank Unified School District as well as other community partners to identify and recruit up to 121 participants for enrollment into the Youth@Work program. The VWDB will conduct regular meetings and continue ongoing communications (phone and/or email) with these partner schools and organizations. Los Angeles County DEO will also refer qualified candidates to VWDB for enrollment into the program.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant award from the Los Angeles County, Department of Economic Opportunity is \$500,000 from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, which was appropriated as a part of the FY 2024-25 budget. The Glendale Youth Alliance award will cost \$462,500, and the remaining \$37,500 will be used by the VWDB to cover administrative expenses. No new appropriation is being requested at this time.

Existing Appropriation		
Amount	Account String	Funding Source
\$462,500	GL: Various-2060-CSP-0020-P0000 PL: CSP01256AG	Workforce Fund – Local Grants

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA/NEPA)

Because no possibility exists that the activity in question (distributing local grant funding to one organization who will provide job preparation training and job exploration skills training to students) may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA review under the common sense exemption set forth in 14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3).

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

This item is exempt from campaign disclosure requirements.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Alternative 1: Do not authorize to award the contracts as recommended herein. This would prevent services being provided under the Youth@Work grant.

Alternative 2: The City Council may consider any other alternative not proposed by staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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Roubik R. Golanian, P.E., City Manager

EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit 1: Minutes of the meeting of the Verdugo Workforce Development Board, December 4, 2024