



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

1. Motion:

- a) Accepting Youth@Work funds from the Los Angeles County, Department of Economic Opportunity in the amount of \$268,800, from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 to enable the Verdugo Workforce Development Board to distribute those funds to the Glendale Youth Alliance;
- b) Approving the award of Youth@Work grant funds to the Glendale Youth Alliance in the amount of \$244,608 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, as approved and recommended by the Verdugo Workforce Development Board; and
- c) Authorizing the City Manager, or a designee, to execute all agreements, certifications, and documents necessary to accept and implement the funding.

COUNCIL ACTION

Item Type: Consent Calendar

Approved for October 11, 2022 **calendar**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Los Angeles County, Department of Economic Opportunity awarded the Verdugo Workforce Development Board (VWDB) funding of \$268,800 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 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.

From July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, the VWDB will award Youth@Work grant funds to Glendale Youth Alliance (GYA) in the amount of \$244,608 to recruit, enroll, and provide work experience for sixty-six (66) students.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES

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RECOMMENDATION

- (1) Accept Youth@Work funds from the Los Angeles County, Department of Economic Opportunity in the amount of \$268,800 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, 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 \$244,608 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, 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.

BACKGROUND

Since 2006, the VWDB has received Youth@Work grant funds, previously known as Los Angeles County Youth Jobs Program. Youth@Work provides job exploration, workplace readiness skills training, and work-based learning experiences through field work experience, to youth with the most barriers to employment. The overall goal is to assist vulnerable populations with building work learning skills.

The VWDB is the planning and policy body for the Verdugo Consortium. The Verdugo Consortium is a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) comprised of the Cities of Glendale, Burbank, and La Cañada Flintridge. The purpose of VWDB is to provide employment and training programs within the three cities and to allocate and award all Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds and general grant funds toward its goals. Through the JPA, the City of Glendale is given responsibility for the administration of all Consortium activities, including acting as the recipient of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funds and all other general grant funds received by the VWDB. As the administrative entity for the Verdugo Consortium, the City of Glendale and the Glendale City Council must approve all contracts and funding awards recommendations by the VWDB, which includes the Youth@Work grant.

ANALYSIS

The Youth@Work grant funding from the Los Angeles County, Department of Economic Development is \$268,800 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 to serve approximately sixty-six (66) youth ages 14 to 24, with up to 160 hours of paid work experience in placements that match the students' interests and aptitudes.

The VWDB's youth provider, GYA, will administer the work experience component of the program and receive \$ 244,608 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 \$24,192 will be used by the VWDB to cover administrative expenses that includes oversight of the program.

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 to identify and recruit approximately sixty-six (66) youth 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. Los Angeles County will also refer qualified candidates to VWDB for enrollment into the program.

FISCAL IMPACT

The contract for the current year will cost \$244,608. The grant award from the Los Angeles County, Department of Economic Opportunity is \$268,800 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, which was appropriated as a part of the FY 2022-23 budget. No new appropriation is being requested at this time.

Existing Appropriation		
Amount	Account String	Funding Source
\$268,800	GL: Various-2060-CSP-0020-P0000 PL: CSP00822AG	Workforce Fund – Local Grants

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA/NEPA)

Because no possibility exists that the activity in question (distributing local grant funding to an organization who will provide employment skills training and work experience for youth) 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

- Alternative 1: Authorize acceptance of Youth@Work grant funds and award to the GYA in the amount of \$244,608 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023; and authorize the City Manager, or their designee to execute all agreements, certifications, and documents necessary to accept, and implement the funding.
- Alternative 2: Do not authorize to award the contracts as recommended herein. This would prevent services being provided under the Youth@Work grant.
- Alternative 3: The City Council may consider any other alternative not proposed by staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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Approved by:

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

EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS

- Exhibit 1: Minutes of the meeting of the Verdugo Workforce Development Board, July 6, 2022