

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: August 12, 2019

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Evan Raleigh, Assistant City Manager
Ken Millett, Office of Business Inclusion and Advancement Director

Council Action Requested:
Resolution authorizing submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration for a YouthBuild Grant in the amount of \$1,100,000

Strategic Focus Area: Economic Vitality and Diversity
Strategic Objective: Enhance Skills of the Workforce
Strategic Plan Action Item: No
Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) has announced the availability of \$85 million in grant funding to continue or expand YouthBuild programs nationwide. The Office of Business Inclusion and Advancement intends to apply for \$1.1 million in grant funds. YouthBuild is a non-residential, community-based alternative education program that provides classroom instruction and occupational skills training in construction and other in-demand occupations to at-risk youth and young adults ages 16-24. Participants learn valuable skills as they build or rehabilitate housing for low-income or homeless individuals and families in their communities. DOL has expanded the training to also include occupational skills training in other-demand industries. Staff has identified two proposed tracks with existing apprenticeship programs: Pharmacy Technician (healthcare) and Electric Lineman (skilled labor).

The Grant requires a 25% match (\$275,000 over three years) using sources other than federal funding. The annual grant match could be met using funds that have already been appropriated in the general fund for the Construction Training Program. In-kind contributions will also be utilized towards the match. Because the grant application is due on August 6, this CARF requests that City Council ratify the authorization to submit the application.

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 8/12/19 Public Safety 8/12/19	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	
Remarks:			