



Date: July 25, 2017

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager

Through: Keith Chadwell, Deputy City Manager

From: Andre Pettigrew, Director, Office of Economic and Workforce Development

Subject: Grant Project Ordinance for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Employment Funds

Executive Summary

The Durham Employment and Training program involves activities for Durham residents, adults and youth, in need of job search assistance, career exploration, occupational skills training and a variety of other employment seeking activities.

On June 15, 2017, OEWD staff received written notification that the Durham Workforce Development Board was awarded \$1,825,774.00 for Program Year 2017, which was a 22% increase over the last year. These funds can be utilized for two year to provide the career and training services. The allocations are summarized in the chart below:

WIOA-Administrative	\$182,577.00
WIOA-Adult	\$532,981.00
WIOA-Dislocated Workers	\$502,982.00
WIOA-Youth	\$607,234.00
Total	\$1,825,774.00

Recommendation

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to adopt the “City of Durham Employment and Training 2017-2019 Grant Project Ordinance” in the amount of \$1,825,774.00, superseding Grant Project Ordinance #15138.

Background

The Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) was informed via a policy statement of the allocation amount the Durham Workforce Development Board would receive. The funds used to conduct activities were allocated by formula from the U.S. Department of Labor through the Division of Workforce Solutions. The funding cycle runs from July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2019.

Issues and Analysis

This item provides funds for the City of Durham 2017-2019 Employment and Training Grant Project Ordinance in the amount of \$1,825,774.00. Approval of this Grant Project Ordinance will enable the Office of Economic and Workforce Development to continue providing WIOA services.

Alternatives

If Council chooses not to approve the amended Grant Project Ordinance, OEWD would have a lower operating budget and be less able to implement the employment and training activities.

Financial Impact

With these funds, the City will be able to draw funds from the Division of Workforce Solutions for reimbursement. WIOA funds are federal formula dollars administered by OEWD. Funding or not funding this item will have no impact on the City's general fund.

SDBE Summary

An SDBE summary is inapplicable because no project-specific goals have been set and no SDBEs are involved in this item.

Attachments

City of Durham Employment and Training 2017-2019 Grant Project Ordinance Superseding Grant Project Ordinance #15138, 1 page.