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Through: Keith Chadwell, Deputy City Manager

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Subject: Durham Public Schools Career and Technical Education Grant Project Ordinance

Executive Summary

This item recommends acceptance of a \$75,000.00 grant from Durham Public Schools. This grant will fund the Durham YouthWork Internship Program to provide up to fifty (50) paid Durham YouthWork Internships. This program will target low income students in Career and Technical Education courses.

Durham YouthWork Internship Program (DYIP) is a partnership between City of Durham, Durham County, Durham Public Schools, Durham Technical Community College, Made in Durham, and private businesses that helps Durham youth connect to paid work experience. The program pays the wages, provides the background check and drug testing of the students while they are in the DYIP program. The grant will fund up to 50 internships in the program each year.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Resolve that the City Manager be authorized to execute the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Durham and Durham Public Schools to accept the Durham Public Schools Career and Technical Education grant funds for summer internship programs;
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute any related grant documents that may be required for the Interlocal Agreement; and
3. Adopt the Durham YouthWork Internship Program/Durham Public School Career and Technical Education Grant Project Ordinance in the amount of \$75,000.00 a year for a period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.

Background

OEWD has partnered with Durham Public Schools and other community agencies for four years on growing DYIP from serving 390 youth in the summer of 2013 to the planned goal of serving 500 youth the summer of 2015, and the funds from DPS will help to reach that goal. The DPS funds will place fifty Durham youth in various internships throughout the County. Coordinated employment and training services will be provided to students who have been identified as the following: (1) attending DPS, (2) participating in career and technical education coursework, and (3) are low income.

OEWD will play a key role in providing up to 50 participants of the program with employment and training services that will help make them more employable in occupations within the City and County.

Issues/Analysis

OEWD has been awarded \$75,000.00 to work with DPS Career and Technical Education staff in order to do the following: identify up to fifty (50) students, corresponding to the number of OEWD-designated positions, who are enrolled in CTE courses and who meet the criteria established by DPS CTE for eligible economically disadvantaged students. Encourage identified students to apply for the OEWD-designated internship positions and will assist with the application process. OEWD is responsible for coordinating and managing the internships of eligible CTE students through the program. OEWD will make all efforts to place eligible students in internship positions relating as closely as possible to the students' expressed career interests.

The funds awarded for this employment and training grant are aligned with the vision and objectives of the Durham City Council, the Durham Workforce Development Board, the Durham Career Center, and the Durham YouthWork Internship program in regards to engaging Durham students in training and providing coordinated employment opportunities.

Alternative

The Council may choose not to approve the DPS Career and Technical Education Grant Project Ordinance for implementing this work-based learning program. If the Council chooses not to adopt the DPS Career and Technical Education grant, OEWD would be reduced in its resource capacity for providing coordinated employment and training services to youth identified under the Durham YouthWork Internship program.

Financial Impact

This Grant Project Ordinance will be paid with grant funds received from the Durham Public Schools Career and Technical Education program. Funding or choosing not to fund this item will have no impact on the City's general fund. DPS Career and Technical Education will authorize the use of these funds to conduct workforce development activities within Durham for a period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.

SDBE Summary

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