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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Dan Lindheim
FROM: Office of the Mayor
DATE: May 25, 2010

RE: **Discussion And Possible Action On A Report Regarding The Substance Of The City Of Oakland's 2010-2012 California Gang Reduction Intervention And Prevention Grant (Cal-GRIP) Application**

SUMMARY

This report is written in response to Council's request regarding the City of Oakland's 2010-2012 Cal-GRIP application.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact information contained in this report.

BACKGROUND

The City of Oakland's High School Career Pathway and Community Collaborative represents the formation of a broad-based partnership applying innovative practices to reduce violence, create career pathways, improve school environments; provide services to surrounding neighborhood residents on the school campuses; and provide an initial college experience to high school students using a relatively small amount of funding. Taken together, the partnership approach can increase public safety for young people and residents of their neighborhood. The project is grounded in discussions by the original Fremont High-School Collaborative which concluded that reducing gang involvement would require providing for young people the things that gangs are often seen to provide – a sense of belonging, protection, and economic resources.

The California Emergency Management Agency (Cal-EMA) awarded a grant of \$382,639 in April 2010. "Paul Seave, director of the Governor's Gang and Youth Violence Policy, said about the grant, "This project has the refreshingly high but reasonable expectation that gang-involved youth have what it takes to complete high school and college and embark on a teaching or social service career, if there is effective support."

KEY STRATEGIES:

- Fuse curriculum and training into a seamless career pathway for Oakland youngsters to enter careers in education and community service

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- Reduce gang involvement through the hiring of two Youth Engagement Coordinators with particular skills at helping young people to resist gangs and create a sense of belonging and community at the two high school campuses.
- Provide part-time employment in after-school programs or community-based organizations to 70 students at Fremont and Castlemont, schools which have been disproportionately impacted by violence.
- Leverage community-wide supportive services to ensure success of participants and neighborhood families.
- Establish physical homes for the Fremont and Castlemont Community Collaborative at Fremont and Castlemont High Schools that will serve as youth and community resource centers.
- Provide an assessment of the extent of gang-violence at the two campuses.

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Youth Engagement coordinator at Fremont	\$60,885
Youth Engagement coordinator at Castlemont	\$60,885
Anger Management Education	\$8,000
Healing Circles	\$3,000
Outreach, Recruitment, and Assessment	\$16,000
Fiscal Management	\$19,639
Summer Bridge at Laney College	\$10,000
Employer development and resource development	\$27,500
Stipends for youth employment	\$120,000
WIA enrollment and participant tracking	\$26,000
After school worker development training	\$13,000
Textbooks and supplies	\$7,000
Assessment and evaluation of campus gang activity and violence	\$8,000

PREVIOUS CAL-GRIP GRANT: Cal-GRIP funds a project which is still in operation and would not therefore, be eligible for this particular grant.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

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Economic: Many permanent jobs exist in Oakland which could be held by local residents if we intentionally create the pathway and open the doors for job training and sustainable households.

Environmental: None

Social Equity: The creation of employment in East Oakland for youth and adults is a social equity issue

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

There no disability or senior citizen access issues affiliated with this report.

RECOMMEDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee receive this report.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

There is no action requested by Council.

Respectfully submitted,


RONALD V. DELLUMS, Mayor

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