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Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION TO EXECUTE SUBAWARDS WITH
PROVIDERS FOR AMERICA'S JOB CENTERS OF
CALIFORNIA (AJCC) MODERNIZATION FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2026-2027 TO PROVIDE WORKFORCE SERVICES
AND EXTEND EXISTING SOLE SOURCE SUBAWARDS**

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)

(3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Request approval to execute new Subawards with AJCC providers, and their respective Secondary Subrecipients, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, with an option to extend for an additional one-year period through June 30, 2028.

Request approval to extend existing Sole Source Subawards with AJCC providers for two, three-month extensions with three additional one-month extensions not to exceed nine months or through March 31, 2027, to ensure a successful transition period.

Request approval to extend existing Sole Source Subawards with CalFresh Employment and Training (CFET) Expansion Program (CEPP) providers for one-year, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and the existing Sole Source Subaward for the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Administration for six months, effective July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of the LA County Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), or designee, to execute Subawards with Goodwill Industries of Southern California (Goodwill) for the East Los Angeles/West San Gabriel Valley (ELA/WSGV) Comprehensive AJCC; and Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCD) for the Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) Comprehensive AJCC, in the anticipated amounts listed in Attachment A, for the provision of AJCC Program services, after County Counsel approval as to form effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027 with the option to extend the term for one additional one year period through June 30, 2028, for a maximum Subaward term of two years. DEO shall provide written confirmation to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO) within thirty calendar days of completing these actions.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DEO, or designee, to execute Subawards with the Secondary Subrecipients as identified respectively in the proposals from Goodwill and CRCD in the amounts listed in Attachment A as part of the Comprehensive AJCC Community Based Organization (CBO) partnership outlined in the AJCC Modernization Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide one or more Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) services designated by the lead AJCCs (identified in Recommendation 1 above), after County Counsel approval as to form, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 with the option to extend the term for one additional one-year period through June 30, 2028, for a maximum Subaward term of two years. DEO shall provide written confirmation to your Board and the CEO within thirty calendar days of completing these actions.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of DEO, or designee, to extend and amend the existing Sole Source Subrecipient agreements with Hub Cities Consortium and Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc., after County Counsel approval as to form, for two three-month extensions, effective July 1, 2026, and thereafter, three one-month options for a maximum potential period up to nine months but no later than March 31, 2027, to allow for successful closeout and transition of the current workforce providers' services to the new providers and workforce system.
4. Delegate authority to the Director of DEO, or designee, to extend the existing Sole Source Subrecipient agreement with South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) for the ETPL Administration services, after County Counsel approval as to form, for an additional six-month period, effective July 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with a six-month option to extend through June 30, 2027. DEO shall provide written confirmation to your Board and the CEO within thirty calendar days of completing these actions.
5. Delegate authority to the Director of DEO, or designee, to extend existing Sole Source Subrecipient agreements with Roberts Enterprise Development Fund (REDF), Goodwill Industries of Southern California (Goodwill) and The Chrysalis Center (Chrysalis), for the continued provision of the CFET CEPP services, after County Counsel approval as to form, for an additional one year period, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, with

an additional one-year option to extend through June 30, 2028. DEO shall provide written confirmation to your Board and the CEO within thirty calendar days of completing these actions.

6. Delegate authority to the Director of DEO, or designee, to execute amendments with the AJCC, CEPP and ETPL Subrecipients as follows: 1) add new, relevant or updated Federal, State and/or County Subaward terms; and 2) increase or decrease the Subaward amounts that may exceed 10% based on the availability of funding and/or based on Subrecipient's performance provided that: (a) total allocation does not exceed available funding; and (b) DEO obtains County Counsel approval as to form of the amendment. These actions would ensure full expenditure of workforce funds and are consistent with your Board's policy requiring review of each service provider's performance. DEO shall provide written confirmation to your Board and the CEO within thirty calendar days of completing these actions.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of Recommendations 1 and 2 will enable DEO to execute new Subawards with Goodwill, CRCD and their respective Secondary Subrecipients, to administer the WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker (DW), and Out of School Youth for the East Los Angeles/West San Gabriel Valley and Southeast Los Angeles AJCC Subregions, respectively.

Recommendation 3 will enable DEO to execute amendments to extend existing Sole Source Subawards with Hub Cities Consortium and Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc. to allow for a successful ramp down and transition of new service providers procured through the AJCC Modernization Request for Proposal in their respective AJCC Subregions, as detailed in Recommendation 1.

Recommendation 4 will enable DEO to execute extensions for existing Sole Source Subawards with REDF, Goodwill, and Chrysalis for the continued provision of the CFET CEPP program while DEO finalizes its release of the Social Enterprise Master Agreement to procure new providers.

Recommendation 5 will enable DEO to execute an extension for the existing Sole Source Subaward with SBWIB to provide ETPL Administration services.

Recommendation 6 will enable DEO to issue and execute amendments to update current subawards with any new regulatory Federal, State and/or County laws or provisions, and increase or decrease subaward amounts in the event additional funding becomes available, and/or upon Subrecipient performance and to accept new or additional funds for workforce services from funding sources including, but not limited to the California Employment Development Department (EDD).

The actions above will ensure the County is not only compliant, but also competitive in

comprehensively meeting DEO's mandate to provide expanded and innovative services that prepare and train the County's hardest to serve residents to meet the real-time employment needs of the County's businesses and industries.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommendations above support the County's Strategic Plan, North Star 1, Make Investments and Transform Lines, Focus Area Goal B: Employment and Sustainable Wages; and North Star 3, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, Focus Area Goal B: Diverse and Inclusive Workforce.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

DEO's workforce services are funded by numerous funding streams including but not limited to WIOA, Net County Cost (NCC), and Los Angeles County Department of Social Services Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF). The ETPL program is fully funded by WIOA federal funds. CEPP is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s CFET funds, which leverages existing qualified agency's non-federal funds. Program funds that are federally funded have been assigned an Assistance Listing Number as shown below:

- WIOA Adult funds (includes Veterans): 17.258, Federal grantor is U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)
- WIOA Dislocated Worker funds (includes Rapid Response): 17.278; Federal grantor is DOL
- WIOA Youth funds; 17.259; Federal grantor is DOL
- TANF funds: 93.558; Federal grantor is U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- USDA's Funds 10.561, Federal grantor is U.S. Department of Agriculture

All funding streams have been included in the Department's FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget and requested in the Departments FY 2026-27 Annual Budget Request.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

DEO will administer the AJCC and ETPL programs in accordance with WIOA (Public Law 113-128), which was signed into law on July 22, 2014, becoming the first legislative reform of the public workforce system since the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. The County, through DEO, has been designated by the State as a Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA) for the purpose of administering the WIOA programs. WIOA tasked the County with meeting several new requirements to ensure the effective delivery of services, including: measuring effectiveness in serving employers; prioritizing services to disconnected youth, those on public assistance, those with disabilities, and the formerly incarcerated; establishing partnerships and business-responsive skills development trainings with local educational

institutions; aligning services, funding, program tracking, and outcome measurement with the thirteen mandated WIOA partner programs; co-locating, resource sharing, and establishing functional operations among WIOA-mandated partners from different agency cultures in a single AJCC facility; and establishing career pathways within high-growth industry sectors to positively impact the local economy.

DEO will administer CEPP in accordance with the Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training Guidance (7 Code of Federal Regulations (Part 237.7 and 277)), California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) (Division 63, Section 63-407), and Section 4005 of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (PL 115-334), which was enacted on December 20, 2018. The CFET CEPP program was a result of a request made by the Board on July 25, 2017, for DEO (formerly Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS)) and the LA County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to collaborate and create a plan to increase the County's CFET funds and to expand workforce development services across the County, including those provided to General Relief participants. The CEPP is a statewide effort to engage third-party agencies to provide CFET services to CalFresh participants. CFET allows states to be reimbursed from the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) for 50 percent of eligible funds (typically non-federal funds) spent on employment, training and related supportive services to CalFresh participants. One way for the County to leverage these "50/50" funds is by partnering with Social Enterprise (SEs) agencies that can use their own non-federal funding to deliver services and receive a partial reimbursement that can be invested in providing additional CFET services. Counties that wish to participate in CFET are required to submit an annual plan to CDSS for approval, which DPSS and DEO have done to comply with Board priority. CDSS then compiles all County plans into a California CFET plan which is submitted to FNS each year for approval.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On March 30, 2023, DEO released the AJCC Modernization Request for Proposals (RFP), which resulted in the award of seven new primary AJCC Subawards in seven of the nine subregions originally being procured, except for the ELA/WSGV and SELA Subregions. Both Subregions were subject to protests, and it was determined by County and State upon review to re-release the RFP for the two Subregions. On January 21, 2025, DEO released the second AJCC Modernization RFP for the ELA/WSGV and SELA Subregions. Notification of the release was advertised in the Los Angeles Times, La Opinion, Daily News, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Long Beach Press, Antelope Valley Press, Dailey Breeze, and Los Angeles Watts Times. The RFP was also posted on the Office of Small Business website, and information on the RFP was sent to approximately 16,000 recipients in DEO's solicitation database. The RFP was open for five weeks to allow ample time for potential proposers to prepare thorough responses that would result in DEO obtaining the most qualified proposers. During this time, DEO entered into Sole Source Subawards, approved by your Board on June 10, 2025, with Catholic Charities and Hub Cities Consortium to continue provision of services for the ELA/WSGV and SELA subregions, respectively; these Sole Source Subawards are due to

expire on June 30, 2026.

The proposals were due on February 24, 2025, and DEO received eight proposals from six agencies. The evaluation of the program aspect of the proposals was conducted by a panel of subject matter experts that were made up of workforce professionals from the California Workforce Association, local Assembly Offices, County departments like Department of Public Social Services and Justice Care and Opportunities Department, and two outside Workforce Development Boards, Ventura County and San Diego. DEO has completed its review of all proposals and through the County's solicitation process, DEO has identified and recommended two agencies as the highest rated proposers for the ELA/WSGV and SELA Subregions. DEO received a total of two protests, and both went through the County Independent Review (CIR). Both CIRs were completed and based on the results being found in the County's favor, DEO is requesting authority to enter into Subawards with the highest rated proposers. Entering into these Subawards is the final step to completing the AJCC Modernization system procurement. The completed and fully competitively contracted AJCC system will serve as an universal access point for hiring and training services, especially for individuals with barriers to employment, that lead to educational attainment, quality jobs, and career pathways in high-growth and opportunity industries.

The RFP solicitation was consistent with federal competitive procurement regulations for WIOA and the County's contracting policies. The RFP solicited agencies from qualified private, non-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, public agencies, social enterprise agencies, public or private institutions of higher education to operate as an AJCC. Workforce Development Boards were precluded from applying. The AJCC providers will implement the WIOA Adult, DW, and Youth@Work Programs, and other EDD and NCC funded programs. The AJCC providers may also provide other non-WIOA funded programs as directed by the Board, as well as coordinate all other partner programs available through the AJCCs. Upon the Board's approval DEO will enter into four Subawards with two agencies serving as the primary AJCC Proposers, and two agencies serving as the Secondary Subrecipients identified in recommendations one and two above.

On May 4, 2021, the Board approved DEO (formerly WDACS), to enter into Sole Source Subawards with REDF, Goodwill, and Chrysalis to provide CEPP services. The USDA FNS allows states and counties to enter into Subawards governed by state and local procurement regulations where a third-party provider can share the cost of providing employment and training services to CalFresh recipients. The previously approved Sole Source Subawards enabled the provision of CFET services to be streamlined and fully leveraged. Extending these Sole Source Subawards will allow for the continued provision of providing CFET services through the CEPP program.

The ETPL program was competitively procured in March of 2022. On June 10, 2025, your Board approved DEO to enter into a Sole Source Subaward with SBWIB to administer the ETPL program. DEO will continue with the finalization and release of the Invitation for Bid procurement and plans on releasing it within the first quarter of FY 2026-27. The previously

approved Sole Source agreement allowed SBWIB to continue providing ETPL Administration services to Los Angeles County LWDA.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES OR PROJECTS

Approval of the recommended actions will allow for continuity of hiring and training services to Los Angeles County residents and businesses while the department both competitively procures providers and manages public workforce transition.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board, it is requested that the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, return one stamped copy of the approved Board Letter to DEO.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Kate Vacanti, Assistant Director, Workforce, at 213-738-2765 or kvacanti@opportunity.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Attachment

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**County of Los Angeles
Department of Economic Opportunity
FY 2026-27 Funding Recommendations**

	Agency Name	Subregion	Program	Estimated Amount for FY 2026-27
1	Goodwill Industries of Southern California	East LA/West San Gabriel Valley	AJCC	4,859,000
2	Mentor for Change ¹	East LA/West San Gabriel Valley	AJCC	200,000
3	Coalition for Responsible Community Development	Southeast Los Angeles	AJCC	4,859,000
4	The Positive Results Center ²	Southeast Los Angeles	AJCC	200,000
5	Catholic Charities of Los Angeles ³	East LA/West San Gabriel Valley	AJCC	1,091,700
6	Hub Cities Consortium ³	Southeast Los Angeles	AJCC	1,091,700
7	South Bay Workforce Investment Board	Countywide	ETPL	45,000
Total				12,346,400

¹ Secondary Subrecipient to Goodwill Industries of Southern California

² Secondary Subrecipient to Coalition for Responsible Community Development

³ Estimated Funding amount reflects one-three month extension for service delivery and one-three month extension for ramp-down activities.