OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

The following provides a brief description of local, state and federal funding sources, which EWDD expects to receive during PY 2014-15 for allocation to numerous workforce development related activities listed in Tab 3, Service Strategies and Activities. Such funding sources serve to leverage WIA formula resources to deliver expanded and more intensive services to targeted participants Citywide. See Tab 3 for more detail on activities referenced below.

A. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) ($201,875)

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs.

Beginning in 1974, the CDBG program is one of the longest continuously run programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CDBG program uses a formula to determine the annual entitlement allocation for eligible cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons.

As a grantee, the City uses and disburses the grant funds to carry out a wide range of activities to revitalize neighborhoods through community development, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services. To meet CDBG eligibility criteria, not less than 70 percent of CDBG funds must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. In addition, each activity must meet one of the following national objectives for the program: benefit low- and moderate-income persons; prevent or eliminate slums or blight; or address urgent community development needs due to conditions that pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and for which other funding is not available. As such, EWDD’s CDBG 40th Program Year Action Plan includes several opportunities to leverage activities.

B. Los Angeles County Probation Department High Risk High Need ($232,698)

The Los Angeles County Probation Department High Risk High Need program, operated by the Los Angeles Youth Opportunity Movement Program will provide year-long employment and educational training opportunities for 50 young people returning from the juvenile probation camp system.

C. Los Angeles City General Fund and Special Funds ($2,907,194)

The Economic and Workforce Development Department anticipates receiving ($2,907,194) from the City’s General Fund in PY 14-15 to support various workforce
strategies, including Summer Youth Employment Program, Youth Opportunity Movement, Cash for College and Hire LA’s Youth.

D. Los Angeles County Youth Employment Grant ($4,200,000)

Los Angeles County approved an allocation of $4,200,000 in funding to the City of Los Angeles to provide Summer Youth Employment Program jobs that provide educational and job training services.

E. U.S. Department of Labor Workforce Innovation Fund ($4,000,000)

The Workforce Innovation Fund, funded through a U.S. Department of Labor competitive grant to the City of Los Angeles, is piloting a program focused on 100 percent drop out recovery with connections back to school and career pathways. The Los Angeles Reconnections Career Academy (LARCA) program will seek to serve 1,200 young people between the ages of 16-24 over a three-year period.

F. Private Sector Investments in Summer Youth Employment ($547,000)

This funding consists of various private sector and foundation investments secured by the City of Los Angeles for Summer Youth Employment. Private investments include Disney, Citi Foundation, Tessoro Corp, and phone banking efforts by EWDD.

G. Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grant ($225,000)

The Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program is a federal entitlement program that assists U.S. workers who have lost or may lose their jobs as a result of foreign trade. This program seeks to provide adversely affected workers with opportunities to obtain the skills, credentials, resources, and support necessary to become re-employed.

H. Additional Assistance Project - Governor’s 25% Discretionary Funds ($300,000)

Governor’s 25% Discretionary Workforce Investment Act / Dislocated Worker fund will serve an estimated total of 405 dislocated workers through its Workforce Development System operators. Operators will outreach and recruit eligible participants. Training modalities to be deployed for this project include classroom training, work experience, on-the-job-training (OJT) or a combination thereof.
I. Youth Careers Connect ($225,000)

Funded through the U.S. Department of Education & the U.S. Department of Labor, the Youth Career Connect grants seeks to increase high school students’ preparedness for postsecondary education and employability in high-growth industries. Academic and career-focused training are blended to develop work readiness and technical skills that lead to successful employment. EWDD is a subrecipient under the Los Angeles Unified School District.

J. Los Angeles Southwest College Leading Engineering Education for the Future in Los Angeles (LEEF – LA) ($90,000)

Funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, the Southwest College Leading Engineering Education for the Future in Los Angeles (LEEF-LA) seeks to enhance the technical skill levels of local workers so they can obtain or upgrade employment as engineers.

K. California Career Pathways Trust Fund ($225,000)

Funded through the CA Department of Education Career Pathways Trust Fund, the purpose of this program is to support the establishment of kindergarten through community college (K-14) career pathway programs that will provide students with a sequenced pathway of integrated academic and career-based education and training.