



Legislation Text

File #: 17-277, **Version:** 1

ACTION REQUESTED:

Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE the Use of \$50,000.00 of SOUTH VILLAGE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) Funds to Create a Request For Proposal (RFP) for JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS (Council District 1).

BACKGROUND:

At the request of Councilwoman Denise Moore, staff is requesting the use of \$50,000 from the South Village Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Fund to create a request for proposal to fund job training programs that serve the South Village TIF residents and employers.

The use of TIF funds is governed by the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act and can be found in 65 ILCS 5/Art. 11 Div. 74.4. Job training is listed as an eligible activity;

“(5) Costs of job training and retraining projects, including the cost of "welfare to work" programs implemented by businesses located within the redevelopment project area.”

For this proposed program, eligible job training activities might include on-the-job training, job readiness, and job preparation programs. Eligible applicants include employers, business associations, and non-for profit organizations. All eligible job training programs must meet one of the following qualifications:

1. The training must benefit an employer that is physically located within the South Village TIF district. The training provider could be a public or private organization (nonprofit, government, corporation) or the employer itself.

OR

2. The training must serve the residents of the South Village TIF. The training provider could be a public or private organization. The jobs for which training is provided could be located anywhere and not limited to the South Village.

Upon Council approval, staff will create the Request for Proposal and publicize the opportunity. In addition to identifying who is being served as outlined above, applicants will also need to:

- Fully describe the services that will be offered to clients.
- Provide a budget and budget narrative in line with the services offered.
- Propose outcome measurements.

Proposals will be taken and administratively ranked based on the RFP criteria. Staff's final recommendation for funding allocation will be approved by the City Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The 2017 Community Improvement Plan (CIP) allocated \$50,000 for job training (Project #T17008, Account #422-1199-550.39-99), with a specific focus on landscaping companies. Those

funds will be diverted to this program.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS: N/A

IMPACT IF APPROVED: A Request for Proposal to fund job training programs that serve employers and residents of the South Village TIF will be created.

IMPACT IF DENIED: A Request for Proposal to fund job training programs that serve employers and residents of the South Village TIF will not be created.

ALTERNATIVES: Allocate more or less funding and/or change the program guidelines.

EEO CERTIFICATION NUMBER: N/A

WHICH OF THE GOALS IDENTIFIED IN THE COUNCIL'S 2014 - 2029 STRATEGIC PLAN DOES THIS RECOMMENDATION ADVANCE?

1. Grow Business

WHICH CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTOR(S) FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DOES THIS RECOMMENDATION IMPLEMENT?

1. Grow Employers and Jobs

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office