



City Council

Special Recognition - Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council Pilot Program

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Recognize the participants in the Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council's pilot workforce program.

Report

Issue:

Whether to recognize the Pacific Mountain workforce program participants.

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Background and Analysis:

The Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council (PacMtn) and the City of Olympia are creating opportunities for young adults to gain practical work experience during the spring and summer of 2019. This effort is in support of the PacMtn's Opioid Use Reduction & Recovery (OURL) Alliance.

The National Health Emergency Grant funds the OURL Alliance to address the opioid crisis. PacMtn's initiative is locally-based and embeds individuals with trusted community-based organizations to provide participants opportunities for success.

The City's pilot began April 30, 2019, and will end June 30, 2019. There are six program participants.

Five young adults are assigned to Public Works and one is assigned to Parks, Arts, and Recreation. The City of Olympia and PacMtn provided the following opportunities to participants through this pilot program:

- CPR/First Aid training
- Flagger certification
- Structured daily schedule
- Workplace mentoring and support
- Workplace safety
- Professional public interaction
- Senior services program support at the Olympia Center
- Teamwork mentoring and support
- Challenging projects in support of multiple city departments

For more information about the Opioid Use Reduction & Recovery Alliance, visit the website (see attachment).

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

The opioid crisis affects individuals, families and the whole community.

Options:

No action required - Special Recognition

Financial Impact:

PacMtn covers the participant's stipend. The van used for the program is provided by the Family Education and Support Services (FESS). The City covers the salary of the lead worker, gas and incidentals (small tools and equipment).

Attachment:

[Link to Opioid Use Reduction & Recovery Alliance](#)