

INTRODUCED: November 14, 2016

A RESOLUTION No. 2016-R084

To request that the Mayor include in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget proposed by the Mayor funds in the amount of \$75,000 for the creation of an employment program to connect panhandlers and the underemployed and underserved populations in the city of Richmond with day jobs and charitable and social service organizations by using mobile services and the City's 311 Call Center and planning committees as mechanisms to reduce homelessness and panhandling.

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Patrons – Mr. Samuels, Mr. Agelasto and Vice President Hilbert

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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WHEREAS, according to *Governing* magazine, the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico, has developed a program to connect panhandlers with day jobs and charitable and social service organizations by using mobile services and a local call center as part of an initiative to use resources more effectively to reduce homelessness and panhandling; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Richmond that the Council request that the Mayor include in the budget proposed by the Mayor for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, funds in the amount of

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\$75,000 for the creation of an employment program to connect panhandlers and the underemployed and underserved populations in the city of Richmond with day jobs and charitable and social service organizations by using mobile services and the City's 311 Call Center and planning committees as mechanisms to reduce homelessness and panhandling;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the Mayor is hereby requested to include in the budget that the Mayor proposes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, funds in the amount of \$75,000 for the creation of an employment program to connect panhandlers and the underemployed and underserved populations in the city of Richmond with day jobs and charitable and social service organizations by using mobile services and the City's 311 Call Center and planning committees as mechanisms to reduce homelessness and panhandling.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the employment program should include the following:

1. Allocation to the Office of Community Wealth Building of at least \$75,000 in the budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, for the development and implementation of the employment program and for the coordination of employment and training services for panhandlers and the underemployed and underserved populations in the city of Richmond.

2. The establishment of a planning committee consisting of employees of the City, as may be selected by the Chief Administrative Officer, and service providers in the Richmond area that are committed to identifying and meeting the needs of panhandlers and the underemployed and underserved populations in the city of Richmond.

3. A strategy to coordinate the efforts of the Office of Community Wealth Building and service providers in the Richmond area to offer job training to individuals eligible for the employment program and to connect such individuals with employment opportunities.

4. Utilization of mobile services and the City's 311 Call Center as points of contact for individuals eligible for the employment program and for service providers willing to deliver job training and other employment-related services to such individuals.

5. Compensation of individuals employed through the employment program at \$9.00 for every hour of work while enrolled in the program and coverage of transportation costs, including the purchase of a 16-passenger van, compensation of the driver of the van, fuel and, if necessary, the cost to maintain automobile liability insurance.



Lou Brown Ali  
Council Chief of Staff

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### Council Ordinance/Resolution Request

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**DATE** November 4, 2016

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**TITLE:** Resolution to Request the Mayor to Propose \$75,000 in Funding in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget for the creation of an Employment Program for Underserved Populations.

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This is a request for the drafting of an Ordinance  Resolution

**REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON**

**SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE**

Council Member Charles Samuels

Education and Human Services

**ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

Resolution to request the Mayor to propose funding in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget for the creation of an Employment Program for Underserved Populations. This program will address visibly underemployed and persons exhibiting panhandling behavior and activity.

**BACKGROUND**

The patron is requesting that the Mayor propose funding in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget for the creation of an employment services program for underserved populations. This program will address visibly unemployed individuals and persons exhibiting panhandling behavior in the City of Richmond. The program will connect persons with an assessment and evaluation for services, day jobs and to charitable and social service organizations as an initiative to reduce unemployment, homelessness and panhandling.

It is recommended that the allocation is designated to the Office of Community Wealth Building for coordination and development of an employment services program that will provide outreach to identify visibly unemployed persons such as persons who exhibit panhandling behavior and to connect these individuals with existing social services, skills assessment and evaluation to participate in training programs and services to achieve economic sufficiency.

The city would: 1) create a collaborative planning committee comprised of Richmond service providers who will determine which agencies are responsible for aspects of the proposed program, and 2) determine how these agencies will function together to provide a program for individuals to receive training and skill building. The model for the proposed program is "There's A Better Way" in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as featured in Governing magazine that offers day jobs and compensates participants at \$9 for every hour of work. The program uses mobile services and a local call center as part of an initiative to use resources more effectively to reduce homelessness and panhandling.

The approximate costs of the employment program for underserved populations in the City of Richmond is \$75,000. The estimated costs for a program are similar to "There's A Better Way" in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The proposed costs include an estimation, if clients averaged six hours of work, two days a week, and were compensated \$9 for every hour of work, the approximate cost for wages would be \$29,500 for seven months. Transportation costs would include purchasing a 16-passenger van, driver wages, fuel, and automobile liability insurance.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
The fiscal impact does not affect the current year's budget, as the Resolution proposes funding for the upcoming budget.		
Budget Amendment Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact	\$	
\$75,000		

Attachment/s Yes  No

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