

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
November 18, 2019
PRODUCTIVITY INVESTMENT BOARD**

500 West Temple Street
Room 743
Los Angeles, CA 90012

PIB Members Present

Jacki Bacharach, Chair
Viggo Butler
Rodney Gibson
Evelyn Gutierrez
Nancy Harris
Shawn Landres
Will Wright
Jeffrey Penichet

PIB Advisory Committee

Arman Depanion, Co-Chair

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Bacharach called the Productivity Investment Board (PIB) meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 5, 2019 MINUTES

Commissioner Harris moved to approve the minutes of August 5, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Gibson. The minutes were unanimously approved.

PRODUCTIVITY INVESTMENT FUND (PIF) PROPOSALS
(FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020, 2ND QUARTER)

Commissioner Bacharach reported three proposals are before the Productivity Investment Board (PIB) for approval. Before hearing the proposals, she reported that as of today's meeting, there is a fund balance in the amount of \$5,114,249 as of the end of the 1st Quarter. This does not include the \$4 million allocation for Fiscal Year 2019-20 from the supplemental budget.

20.12 – Fire, for Heart Heroes on Patrol, \$73,000 Grant.

Clayton Kazan, David R. Richardson, Natalia Alvarez, and Heidi Oliva from the Fire Department, and David Sprengel and John Finney from the Sheriff's Department were in attendance to support the proposal. Clayton Kazan, David Sprengel, and John Finney presented and spoke on the project.



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The grant would be used to fund 30 Automated External Defibrillators (AED) for patrol vehicles assigned to the Sheriff's Lakewood Station. A PowerPoint presentation accompanied the Department's remarks.

Arman Depanian, Co-Chair of the Productivity Investment Board Advisory Committee (Committee), reported that the Committee recommended the following: 1) indicate how the project will be funded after the pilot; 2) emphasize that the Sheriff does not have the medical infrastructure and why the Department is piloting in the Lakewood station; and 3) discuss the innovation aspect, expansion of the distribution system, and what other agencies have in place. The Committee recommended a \$73,000 grant.

After discussion and questions, Commissioner Landres moved to approve the \$73,000 grant and requested the Department to come back in eight months to provide an update on the pilot. Also, at the December 16, 2019, Commission meeting, the Department should provide an action plan on expanding the program to other Sheriff stations countywide, and how the expansion would be funded. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wright and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Harris will present the project at the Quality and Productivity Commission meeting on Monday, December 16, 2019.

20.11 – Public Health, for *Reducing Food Waste and Advancing Food Recovery: Development of a Mobile Application to Support Food Distribution in Low-Income Communities*, \$300,000 Grant.

Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Dipa Shah-Patel, Bernadet Garcia-Silva, David Cardenas, Robert Ota, Stu Rekart, Tony Kuo, and Catherine Mak from the Department of Public Health were in attendance to support the proposal. Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Dipa Shah-Patel, Bernadet, David Cardenas, and Robert Ota presented and spoke on the project.

The grant would be used to fund and develop a mobile app that will link businesses with available surplus food to community-based organizations that can distribute food to low-income communities, as a means of addressing food insecurity. A PowerPoint presentation accompanied the Department's remarks.

Arman Depanian reported the Committee recommended the following: 1) explain how the Department will fund \$30,000-\$45,000 in maintenance costs; 2) mention collaboration with the Departments of Public Social Services, Public Works and Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services and obtain letters of support; invite all three departments to the next meeting; 3) explain what sets this project apart from existing distributors; why not use existing platforms; 4) discuss how the Department arrived at the grant amount; 5) discuss with the Chief Sustainability Office what else is being done in the County; and 6) consider adding a functionality to the app that allows individuals to look up CBOs for food distribution. The Committee recommended a \$300,000 grant.

After discussion and questions, Commissioner Gibson made a motion to refer the proposal back to the Department for programmatic revisions and resubmission directly to the PIB at a future meeting. The PIB supports the intent of the project. However, the PIB recommends the following: 1) consider partnering with existing apps; 2) if the barrier to existing apps is the service fee charged by the providers, the Department should consider covering the cost of the service fee; and 3) work with the Department of Public Works Food Drop program, and ensure there is no duplication of effort. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Penichet and unanimously approved.

20.9 – Internal Services Department, for *Electrifyze-LA: Driving Electric Vehicle Adoption Across LA County Employees and the Community*, \$750,000 Grant.

Eddie Washington, Selwyn Hollins, Minh Le, Dave Wesolik, and Diane Quarker from the Internal Services Department were in attendance to support the proposal. Eddie Washington and Minh Le presented and spoke on the project.

The grant would be used to create Electrifyze-LA, an end-to-end outreach, education, and care buyer journey platform, that can enhance electric vehicle (EV) education and outreach campaigns by the County, cities, electric utilities, and other organizations across the County towards a unified initiative to accelerate EV adoption across the region. A PowerPoint presentation accompanied the Department's remarks.

Arman Deapanian reported the Committee recommended the following: 1) report on what other government agencies are doing; 2) address the shortage of EV charging stations; 3) highlight the urgency of the project (e.g., penalties/fees if not meet air quality management goals); 4) provide a status on the contractor selection process; however, the Department should develop the functional requirements first before the solicitation to get more definite estimates; and 5) work with the Chief Sustainability Office. The Committee did not recommend a \$750,000 grant.

After discussion and questions, Commissioner Landres made a motion to disapprove the proposal. The PIB supports the County's efforts to reduce commuter emissions, and the goals of the countywide Sustainability plan. However, the PIB noted and recommended the following: 1) need to specify a measurable target population and 2) consider partnering with existing apps (e.g., MyGreenCar) and publicize them to County employees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA)

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bacharach adjourned the meeting at 12:32 p.m. The next PIB meeting will be on Monday, February 24, 2020.