

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Office of Economic Development
AGENDA DATE: September 8, 2009 – Regular Agenda
CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Kathryn Dodson, PhD, Director 541-4670
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: ALL

SUBJECT:
Formal report of the Economic and Community Development, Quality of Life and Tourism Legislative Review Committee meeting held on August 20, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. as submitted by City Representative Steve Ortega, Chair.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:
Report to Mayor and Council of the Economic and Community Development, Quality of Life and Tourism Legislative Review Committee meeting held on August 20, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:
Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:
How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

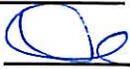
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BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION:
Enter appropriate comments or N/A.

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD:  _____
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APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____



**LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE
Meeting Action Report**

Committee: Economic and Community Development,
Quality of Life and Tourism

Members: City Representative Steve Ortega (Chair)
City Representative Emma Acosta
City Representative Eddie Holguin
City Representative Ann Lilly (absent)

Date of Meeting: August 20, 2009 – 9:00 a.m.

1 Discussion and Action on the Project Arriba Grant Agreement to support a permanent and sustainable source of local nurses, teachers and information technologists to address severe shortages in El Paso. Grant agreement is in the amount of \$200,000 for a term from September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010 and is funded from the General Fund Economic Development Budget #72010268.

Summary:

During budget hearings in July certain aspects of the grant agreement were discussed with Council. The Council directed staff to change language in the agreement to show that the City will pay for 100% of program costs and 0 for administrative expenses. Representative Holguin requested an LRC to discuss the grant agreement further and Representative Ortega, Chair agreed. Roman Ortiz, Pres. & CEO – Project Arriba, Mark Duncan, CFO Project Arriba, Luci Ponticelli, Economic Dev. Mgr. – COEP, David Samaniego, Econ. Dev. Specialist – COEP, Marie Taylor, Asst. City Attorney – COEP were present to field questions at this LRC.

Action Taken:

The LRC voted (2-1) to support the recommendation by Council to ensure that all City monies are appropriated for **100% of program costs and 0 for administrative costs.**

Disposition:

The grant agreement with the stated language above will be heard at a Council Meeting at the earliest opportunity. Target Date: Sept 09.

SUBMITTED BY:

City Representative Steve Ortega, District 7
Chair, Economic and Community Development, Quality of Life
and Tourism

Kathryn Dodson, Ph.D., Director
Economic Development