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Community Recovery and Resiliency Plan [Carlos J. Contreras, III, Assistant City Manager; Alex

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DEPARTMENT: Economic Development

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Alejandra Lopez

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City-wide

SUBJECT:

Update on the Small Business Support and Workforce Development Pillars within the COVID-19 Community Recovery and Resiliency Plan.

SUMMARY:

This item provides an update on the status of the implementation of the Small Business Support and Workforce Development Pillars and their associated strategies included in the COVID-19 Community Recovery and Resiliency Plan approved by City Council on June 4, 2020.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

City Council approved the COVID-19 Recovery and Resiliency Plan on June 4, 2020. The strategies associated with this Plan are categorized into four pillars: Workforce Development, Housing Security, Small Business Support, and Digital Inclusion. Each of the four pillars was assigned to a City Council Committee and staff presented the implementation plan associated with the Small Business Support and Workforce Development Recovery Strategies to the Economic and Workforce Development Committee on June 19, 2020 and June 23,

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2020. These briefings included the expected outcomes, implementation partners and their associated budgets, program process overview, equity and engagement strategies, and major milestones. The Committee also received implementation updates on August 4, 2020, September 2, 2020, October 6, 2020 and October 22, 2020.

ISSUE:

This briefing will include updates on the status of grant awards for micro businesses and non-profit grants, outreach to small businesses and efforts to market the *Greater.Safer.Together.PLEDGE*. It will also include updates on the Train for Jobs SA workforce development program.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is for briefing purposes only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total budget for the Small Business Support Pillar and Workforce Development Pillar was \$38.1 million and \$75 million, respectively, when approved by City Council on June 4, 2020. However due to significant community, City Council approved additional actions to increase funding for micro business grants for restaurants and bars in the amount of \$3.5 million on November 4, 2020 and \$1.5 million on December 2, 2020.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for briefing purposes only.