Information on Prevailing Wages for Community Enhancement Fund Grant Applicants

► State law requires the payment of “prevailing wages” for certain public projects valued over $1,000 and completed by anyone other than the City’s own workforce.¹

► If your project is valued over $1,000 and involves any of the following, it is very likely that you must comply with prevailing wage laws:
  • Construction,
  • Alteration or repair work,
  • Pre-construction design or land surveying work, or
  • Post-construction cleanup work

► Be careful! If your project comes under this requirement, the labor must be paid using “prevailing wages.” This can make a project more expensive.

► Be sure to ask any contractors to provide an estimate using prevailing wages.

► State law contains numerous penalties for failure to pay prevailing wages.

► Please ask City staff for assistance or clarification if you have any questions. For more information and current prevailing wage rates, go to https://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Prevailing-Wage.html.

¹ See California Labor Code §§ 1771 and 1720