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Dear Committee Members,

The West Valley Occupational Center has been serving adults in need of basic reading and math skills, English as a Second Language, high school diploma and career training in Woodland Hills and the surrounding areas for over 60 years. Now more than ever students need to further their education in order to reach their career goals and obtain good-paying jobs.

Each year approximately 200 WVOC students take the high school equivalency test (HiSET), formerly known as the GED, as part of their training program. Not only do students who wish to enter college need their high school diploma but students completing career training need to have a high school diploma or its equivalent in order to become employed. Currently the HiSET exam costs \$150 per student. Unfortunately, students must pay for their exams as the district does not have funds to cover this expense. We humbly ask for any assistance you can provide to help defray the cost.

We are most appreciative to be considered for this grant. Should you need additional information, please contact me at (818) 346-3540 or monica.balbuena@LAUSD.net.

Many Thanks,

Monica Gnirs-Balbuena
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