



## Information on Prevailing Wages for 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.<sup>1</sup>
- 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>.

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<sup>1</sup> See California Labor Code §§ 1771 and 1720