

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



ACTION ITEM: # 1.3

SUBMITTAL DATE: February 15, 2012

SUBJECT: Youth Adhoc Committee – Voices for Youth

RECOMMENDATION: That the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Executive Committee approves \$27,925 in Workforce Investment Act funds to support the Voices for Youth advocacy trips to Sacramento and Washington D.C.

BACKGROUND:

The WIB Chair has established a Youth Advocacy Adhoc Committee - Voices for Youth to assist the WIB with achieving its public outreach and advocacy goals as outlined in the Strategic Plan. The Adhoc Committee membership is comprised of current and alumni participants of the Youth Opportunity Centers.

Their primary focus is to discuss with federal, state and local politicians how to change the future for youth who may not be able to create a productive future on their own without comprehensive workforce development programs specialized to meet their needs. The Adhoc Committee has three key areas that they agreed to address and that they have worked to craft, shape, and revise. This message provides their perspective on how communities need to help youth to become productive and engaged citizens. Their areas of focus are providing more opportunities for all youth with regard to:

- Education
- Jobs
- Support to achieve their hopes and dreams.
- The need for more youth centers with broader reach.
- The need for more resources and political support.

Funds are being requested to support their advocacy trips to Sacramento and Washington, D.C. The budget for Sacramento includes 30 youth, 2 WIB members and the WIB Director. The budget for Washington D.C. includes 5 youth, 2 WIB members and the WIB Director. The budget details for both trips are as follows:

Sacramento Estimated Trip Budget	
Airfare \$275 x 33	\$ 9,075.00
Hotel (\$125 x 29 rooms) (1 night)	\$ 3,625.00
Meals (Breakfast \$10,Lunch \$15, Dinner \$25)	\$ 3,300.00
Total Cost	\$16,000.00

Washington DC Estimated Trip Budget	
Airfare \$600X8	\$ 4,800.00
Hotel (\$250 x6 rooms) (3 night)	\$ 4,500.00
Meals (Breakfast \$10,Lunch \$15, Dinner \$25)	\$ 1,600.00
Ground Transportation (\$128 per person)	\$ 1,024.00
Total Cost	\$11,924.00

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Date: February 15, 2012 Approval: Yes/No	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONCURRENCE Required: Yes/No
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