



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEM: 1.2

SUBMITTAL DATE: February 17, 2016

SUBJECT: Program Year (PY) 2016/17 Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Year Round Youth Programs Funding Recommendations.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Riverside County Workforce Development Board (WDB) Executive Committee approve the PY 2016/17 WIOA Year Round Youth Programs funding recommendations to operate the existing six (6) Youth Opportunity Centers (YOCs) within Riverside County during the period of July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.

BACKGROUND: The Riverside County Economic Development Agency (EDA) and the Riverside County Workforce Development Board (WDB) established the Youth Opportunity Center (YOC) system in 2000 to provide “One-Stop” centers for youth to receive federally funded workforce services. EDA currently operates six YOC’s throughout Riverside County located in: Hemet, Indio, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Perris, and the City of Jurupa Valley. The six centers are funded through Title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 which is administered by Department of Labor (DOL).

The enactment of WIOA brought about substantial changes to youth workforce services. These changes included: 1) the targeting of out of school youth between the ages of 16-24 (75% of funding); 2) additional qualifying factors for in-school youth; 3) five new Youth Program elements; and 4) a greater emphasis on work experience (20% of funding). The Riverside County YOC system is a historically high performing youth system which already meets and exceeds these new WIOA requirements.

Pursuant to WIOA regulations, EDA competitively procures service providers to operate the six YOC’s for a three year period contingent on funding and performance. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was released on November 23, 2015 and closed on December 30, 2015. EDA received four proposals in response to this solicitation including two proposals from existing providers.

An independent review panel comprised of seven (7) non-profit and education professionals evaluated the proposals based upon the criteria outlined in the RFP. The minimum score for the RFP was 75 points with a maximum of 100 points. The final scoring and funding recommendations for each of the six YOCs is detailed in the table below. The two agencies selected for funding, ResCare and California Family Life Center, are experienced youth service providers who currently operate the YOC’s. Both agencies have met and exceeded previous contract requirements and both agencies have a strong track record of youth advocacy within the greater community.

Youth Opportunity Center (YOC) Location	Agency	Proposed Cost	Proposed Enrollments	Final Score
Rubidoux YOC	California Family Life Center	\$900,000	121	88.5
Hemet YOC (Empower State Building)	California Family Life Center	\$900,000	137	89.5

Youth Opportunity Center (YOC) Location	Agency	Proposed Cost	Proposed Enrollments	Final Score
Lake Elsinore YOC (Planet Youth)	California Family Life Center	\$900,000	120	87.0
Moreno Valley YOC	Arbor E&T, LLC dba ResCare	\$900,000	112	83.9
Perris YOC (The Oasis)	Arbor E&T, LLC dba ResCare	\$900,000	112	84.8
Indio YOC (The Win Center)	Arbor E&T, LLC dba ResCare	\$900,000	112	83.4
Perris YOC (The Oasis)	Operation New Hope	\$900,000	150	58.6
Rubidoux YOC	Citadel	\$900,000	121	65.7
Hemet YOC (Empower State Building)	Citadel	\$900,000	125	66.6
Moreno Valley YOC	Citadel	\$900,000	112	65.6
Perris YOC (The Oasis)	Citadel	\$900,000	125	66.3

*Shaded rows indicate agencies recommended for funding.

EDA is anticipating level funding for WIOA Title 1 services which include Youth services. The funding allocation for FY 15/16 was \$6,611,502 dollars which included \$5,650,000 dollars earmarked for the YOC's. The Staff funding recommendation detailed above allocates a total of \$5.4 million to YOC operations which equates to: \$900K per YOC; \$2.7M for ResCare and \$2.7M for California Family Life. The funding recommendation also includes funding to help offset the cost of a Life Coach at each of the YOC's which is a new requirement under WIOA regulations. The State's final award of WIOA funds are expected by April 2016. Should this funding award fall below anticipated levels, Staff will revise the YOC funding recommendations and resubmit for Executive Committee review and approval.

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Date: February 17, 2016 Approval: Yes	Required: Yes