

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



ACTION ITEM # 1.3

SUBMITTAL DATE: May 24, 2017

SUBJECT: Year Round Youth Funding Recommendations for Program Year (PY) 2017/18; (Source) Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA), Title I

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Riverside County Workforce Development Board (WDB) Executive Committee approve the allocation of \$5.1 million in Program Year 2017/18 WIOA Title I funding to operate the Youth Opportunity Centers (YOCs) for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

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 (6) YOC's throughout Riverside County located in: Hemet, Indio, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Perris, and the City of Jurupa Valley. The six centers focus on providing intensive services to disconnected youth in an effort to increase educational attainment, employment opportunities and self-sufficiency.

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 (3) year period contingent on funding and performance. Program Year 17/18 will mark the second contract renewal for the two current operators; ResCare and California Family Life Centers (CFLC). Both agencies have met or exceeded previous contract requirements and have a strong track record of youth advocacy in the greater community.

EDA is anticipating a 5% reduction in WIOA Title I funding for FY17/18. Staff recommends allocating a total of \$5.1 million for YOC operations which averages to approximately \$850,000 per YOC. Funding recommendations by YOC are detailed on page #2.

Youth Opportunity Center	Total
California Family Life Center - Hemet	\$900,000
California Family Life Center - Rubidoux	\$850,000
California Family Life Center - Elsinore	\$800,000
ResCare - Indio	\$850,000
ResCare- Perris	\$850,000
ResCare - Moreno Valley	\$850,000
TOTAL	\$5,100,000

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Date: 05/24/17 Approval: Yes	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONCURRENCE Required: Yes
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