

ACTION ITEM # 1.3

SUBMITTAL DATE: February 17, 2010

SUBJECT: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funding Recommendations for the Operation of the Riverside County 2010 Summer Work Experience Program.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Riverside County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Executive Committee approve the allocation of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Youth funds for the operation of the 2010 Summer Work Experience Program (SWEP) and authorize the Director of Workforce Development, or her designee, to negotiate and execute agreements within 10 percent of the funding recommendations.

BACKGROUND:

On February 1, 2010, President Obama released his Fiscal Year 2011 budget request to Congress. Obama's plan included an overview of the Administration's efforts to bring renewed strength and stability to the Nations' volatile economy through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and detailed the Administration's proposal to revive job creation and laying a new foundation for economic growth. Specifically, the ARRA Youth program will support piloting innovative models for delivering summer and year-round work experiences, and comprehensive services to disconnected youth.

Based on the President's proposed budget, the Economic Development Agency (EDA) projects receiving approximately \$9,500,000 for the 2010 Summer Youth Program. The remaining ARRA Youth funding from the 2009 Summer Work Experience Program (SWEP) is \$3,900,000. The total potential Summer Youth Funding for 2010 is \$13,400,000.

In 2009, EDA conducted a procurement for the 2009-2011 Summer Work Experience Program. A total of 12 providers were selected to operate the program last summer. EDA recommends that Summer Youth funds are awarded to 11 of the 12 service providers from 2009 SWEP. EDA is not recommending funding for Goodwill Southern California due to program non-compliance and poor performance concerns.

The following recommendation includes a broad funding range for each service provider. The lower end of the range would be utilized if no additional summer youth funding is received for PY 2010. Any funding allocations above the lower end would be based on receiving additional summer youth funding and the amount:

2010 SWEP		
Funding: Projected Range (Current + Increase)		
Contract	PY 2010 Allocation	# of Participants
Arbor E & T – Indio WIN YOC	\$250,000 - \$800,000	100 - 400
Arbor E & T – Perris Oasis YOC	\$250,000 - \$800,000	100 - 400
CFLC – Hemet Empower YOC	\$250,000 - \$800,000	100 - 400
CFLC – Planet Youth YOC	\$250,000 - \$800,000	100 - 400
CFLC - Rubidoux YOC	\$250,000 - \$800,000	100 - 400
Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE)	\$650,000 - \$2,000,000	217 - 741
Family Services Association	\$175,000 - \$300,000	64 - 115
Escuela de la Raza Unida, Inc	\$120,000 - \$150,000	48 - 60
City of Temecula	\$250,000 - \$500,000	100 - 200
Riverside Community College Dist. (RCC)	\$400,000 - \$800,000	200 - 364
City of Riverside	\$450,000 - \$750,000	100 - 278
RFP Release	Approximately \$4,000,000	Approximately 1,600
Total	\$3,295,000 - \$12,500,000	1,228 - 5,358

The 2010 Riverside County Summer Work Experience Program (SWEP) will include work experience, and work readiness training components. These core components will increase the work readiness skills of youth and expose youth to opportunities in multiple career pathways. In 2009 the summer program served 2,695 youth. The 2010 SWEP is projected to serve between 1,228 to 5,358. Employment opportunities will be provided to both in-school and out-of-school youth during the period of May 3, 2010, through October 31, 2010.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONCURRENCE
Date: February 18, 2008 Approval: Yes/No	Required: Yes/No