

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



ACTION ITEM # 1.1

SUBMITTAL DATE: March 31, 2010

SUBJECT: Workforce Investment Act Program Year 2010-2011 Funding Recommendations for the operation of a new Youth Opportunity Center in Riverside County.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Riverside County Workforce Investment Board Executive Committee approve \$750,000 in Workforce Investment Act Youth funding to Arbor Education & Training to operate a new Youth Opportunity Center in Moreno Valley beginning in April, 2010 through June 30, 2011 and authorize the Director of Workforce Development, or her designee, to negotiate and execute an agreement within 10 percent of the funding recommendation.

BACKGROUND: The Riverside County Economic Development Agency (EDA) current budget projections, in conjunction with the assessed employment needs of youth in Riverside County, allows for the funding of a new Youth Opportunity Center (YOC). In December 2009, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was released to solicit lead agencies to operate a new YOC in Riverside County. The RFP covers the period of April 1, 2010, through June 30, 2013. Funding levels for subsequent PY 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 may be increased or reduced depending on the amount of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funding allocated to Riverside County as well as contractor performance.

Emphasis will be placed on further collaboration with partners, such as school districts, higher education entities, and businesses for the provision of vocational training, pre-apprenticeship programs and additional work experiences that not only promote high wage and high growth jobs within the local area, but also promote “green” knowledge in order for the youth to be competitive in a “green” economy. The continued focus is to provide all youth with academic and vocational opportunities through multiple and concurrent education pathways.

Upon review of the results of the RFP – and taking into consideration program design, budget comparison, and socioeconomic status of the proposed YOC location – EDA recommends funding one new site in Moreno Valley at a level of \$750,000. This new YOC would serve a total of 112 participants, ages 16-21 during the period of April 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011.

There are five existing YOCs operating in the cities of Hemet, Indio, Lake Elsinore, Perris and Rubidoux. The addition of the new YOC site would expand the existing service area to include Moreno Valley. Socioeconomic data is presented below to clarify the population need of the proposed new YOC site.

Location	Moreno Valley
Population of Youth 15-24	17.6%
Educational Attainment less than AA degree	79.0%
Family Income below Poverty Level	13.9%
Unemployment Rate	16.5%
Median Household Income	\$55,178

The YOC is designed to be the foundation for a continuum of youth serving organizations that combines comprehensive services in the areas of counseling, life skills, education, occupational skills, leadership opportunities, work experience and employment. Collectively, the lead agency and its partners assist youth in the attainment of various credentials, such as a high school diploma, prepare youth for postsecondary educational opportunities, link academic and occupational learning to career pathways and provide exposure to the job market. This is accomplished through various activities such as, tutoring, study skills training, mentoring, paid and unpaid work experience, occupational skills training, counseling and leadership development.

**WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT YOUTH
FUNDING RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY FOR YOCs (New Sites)
April 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011**

Quick Statistics

RFP Downloads: 47

Proposals Submitted On Time: 4

Proposals Submitted Late: 1

Lead Agency Name	Location	Proposed Enrollments	FUNDS REQUESTED			FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS			
			Cost Per Enrollment	Funds Requested	Matching Funds (%)	Priority Rank	Funds Recommended	Participants	Cost Per Enrollment Revised
Arbor E & T, LLC	Moreno Valley	120	\$6,667	\$799,640	\$278,565 (35%)	1	\$750,000	112	\$6,696
City of Temecula	Temecula	165	\$4,700	\$779,513	\$133,753 (17%)	4			
Escuela De La Raza Unida, Inc.	Blythe	50	\$6,385	\$693,976	\$119,673 (17%)	2			
FSA of Western Riverside County	Moreno Valley	200	\$3,906	\$781,275	\$175,153 (22%)	3			

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Date: March 31, 2010 Approval: Yes/No	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONCURRENCE Required: Yes/No
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