

Subject: Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program Year 2007-08 Funding Recommendations for the operation of the Youth Opportunity Centers of Riverside County.

Motion: That the Riverside County Workforce Development Board (WDB) Executive Committee recommends for approval to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors the PY 2007/08 Youth Opportunity Center funding recommendations within 10% of the recommended amounts (attached).

Background: The Riverside County WIA Youth System is designed to provide long-term comprehensive services which support the education and employment success of all youth. Operated by community partnerships, the Youth Opportunity Centers of Riverside County serve as “one-stop” centers where youth can receive the support and services they need. Each partnership offers youth a variety of developmental activities that support academic achievement and workforce preparation.

In February, 2007, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was released to solicit Lead Agencies to operate existing Youth Opportunity Centers. The procurement covers a period of three years, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010 Partnership contracts will be awarded to Lead Agencies on an annual basis with continued funding being based on the partnership providing satisfactory service delivery, meeting quality standards, achieving program performance goals and availability of WIA youth funding.

WIA allocations have been decreasing steadily over the past five years. Therefore, in determining appropriate funding allocations, staff not only had to consider the evaluation score of the proposals, but also the needs of the communities throughout Riverside County. The recommended funding serves those communities with the greatest need and the least amount of resources. Due to the limited funds, and after much consideration, six Youth Opportunity Centers are recommended for funding.

This item will have been presented to the Riverside County Council for Youth Development (CYD) Operations for their recommendation on the morning of May 16, 2007.

WIA Youth Program

Comparisons

Bidder	YOC Location	PY 06/07 Funding & Slots	PY 06/07 Matching Funds	PY 07/08 Funds & Slots Requested	PY 07/08 Matching Funds Proposed	Averaged Score Of Proposal	PY 07/08 Recommended Funding & Slots	Comments
California Family Life Center	Lake Elsinore	\$525,000 50	\$157,841	\$682,500 68	\$197,033	187	\$525,000 52	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bidder demonstrated strong community collaboration and resource leveraging. Mentoring activities are highly emphasized in the program design. Bidder has proposed to place at least 59% of the participants in a work experience component.
California Family Life Center	Hemet	\$700,000 70	\$239,631	\$700,000 70	\$185,099	182	\$700,000 70	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bidder ensures that strong partnerships maximize existing resources. Mentoring activities are highly emphasized in the program design. Substance Abuse/Anger Management counselors on-site. Bidder has proposed to place at least 57% of the participants in a work experience component.
Arbor	Perris	\$500,000 50	\$30,488	\$607,874 80	\$303,205	158	\$500,000 50	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bidder's description of the the Work Readiness activity was good. Bidder has proposed for all youth to complete a work readiness component prior to work experience. Bidder demonstrates strong ties to the business community. Bidder has proposed that 60% of the enrollments will be out-of-school youth. Bidder demonstrated good community collaboration.
Arbor	Indio	\$600,000 60	\$67,869	\$700,000 90	\$296,880	155	\$600,000 60	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Parent involvement is strong. Bidder demonstrated good community collaboration. Bidder demonstrates strong ties to the business community.
Arbor	Moreno Valley	\$0	\$0	\$524,200 60	\$278,150	149	Not Recommended.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Upon reviewing the needs and resources for youth throughout Riverside County, the Youth Opportunity Center for the Moreno Valley area is not recommended for funding. Due to the continuous decline in youth funding, it is important we strategically provide resources to the areas that have the greatest need, yet the least amount of resources available. In addition, the Lead Agency currently operating the Moreno Valley Youth Opportunity did not submit a proposal for this year. Bidder did not demonstrate partnership support for this area.
YMCA	Riverside	\$125,000 12	\$269,043	\$500,000 75	\$250,000	145	\$250,000 25	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bidder has proposed that 56% of the enrollments will be out-of-school youth. Bidder demonstrated strong relationships with a variety of partners.
YMCA	Jurupa	\$0	\$0	\$700,000 90	\$250,000	124	\$500,000 50	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bidder has proposed that 60% of the enrollments will be out-of-school youth. Bidder demonstrated strong relationships with a variety of partners.

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City of Perris	Perris	\$0	\$0	\$700,000 90	\$250,000	113	Not Recommended	1. The proposal was not responsive to the RFP requirements and received a score below the competitive range.
Moreno Valley Unified School District	Moreno Valley	\$125,000 12	\$115,601	Not Proposed	Not Proposed	Not Proposed	Not Proposed	Proposal Not Submitted

Total Youth Funds Recommended: \$3,075,000.00