

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



ACTION ITEM #1.2

SUBMITTAL DATE: January 12, 2009

SUBJECT: Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Funds – Rubidoux Youth Opportunity Center

RECOMMENDATION: That the Riverside County Workforce Development Board Executive Committee recommends for approval to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors:

1. The allocation of \$850,000 in Federal WIA Youth Funds to California Family Life Center for the provision of youth services at the Rubidoux Youth Opportunity Center effective February 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010.
2. Authorize the Director of Workforce Development to negotiate and execute an agreement within 10% of the recommended funding amount.

Background:

In February, 2007, a Request For Proposal (RFP) was released to solicit Lead Agencies to operate the 5 WIA-funded Youth Opportunity Centers located in Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Perris, Indio and Rubidoux. On May 29, 2007, the Board of Supervisors approved funding for California Family Life Center for Lake Elsinore and Hemet Youth Opportunity Centers; Arbor Education and Training for Perris and Indio Youth Opportunity Centers; and the YMCA of Riverside City and County for the Rubidoux Youth Opportunity Center. On March 19, 2008, the Board of Supervisors approved a 2nd year of funding to the same organizations. In July, 2008, the YMCA of Riverside City and County submitted fraudulent documentation to EDA in order to claim positive outcomes on the youth program. Over the last 5 months, EDA conducted a full audit of the YMCA's files, reported the incident to the State of California, conducted an investigation and requested a corrective action plan. Based on the investigation and the insufficient corrective action plan submitted, EDA made the decision to terminate the contract effective February 27, 2009. The YMCA of Riverside City and County will cease operations of the Rubidoux Youth Opportunity Center effective February 27, 2009.

The original procurement conducted in 2007 covers a 3-year period and established an eligible list of replacement contractors to operate Youth Opportunity Centers should the need arise. In an effort to maintain uninterrupted services for the youth in the Rubidoux/Jurupa community, the bidder with the highest ranking score on the proposals submitted during the 2007 procurement process was chosen to assume the operation of the center. California Family Life Center received the highest score of the bidders. California Family Life Center has a proven performance record of bringing resources together and enhancing youth services within a community. The effective date of February 1, 2009, for California Family Life Center's agreement will allow a one-month transition period which provides both contractors time to ensure a smooth transition for the youth. California Family Life Center will assume responsibility for the existing enrollments of 33 youth and enroll a total of 75 new youth over the 18 month agreement period.

The YMCA will be provided 45 days following the termination date of the agreement to submit all final claims. The remaining balance from the YMCA of Riverside City and County will be de-obligated in accordance with their agreement.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Date: January 12, 2009 Approval: Yes/No	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONCURRENCE Required: Yes/No
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