

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



ACTION ITEM #1.2

SUBMITTAL DATE: **October 21, 2009**

SUBJECT: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Program Year 2009-2010 Funding Recommendations for community-based and faith-based organizations to provide Spanish and English Adult Basic Education to Spanish speakers.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Workforce Development Board (WDB) Executive Committee approve funding in the amount of 150,000 for TODEC Legal Center Perris, Inc. for a native language adult basic education program in Spanish and English.

BACKGROUND:

A Request for Qualification-mini grant was released on September 8, 2009 through September 29, 2009 to solicit qualified community-based organizations and faith-based organization interested in providing an intensive native language adult basic education program.

A single response was received from Training Occupational Development Educating Communities (TODEC) Legal Center Perris, Inc. They proposed to deliver an intensive adult basic education program in Spanish that would allow a monolingual speaker to acquire a foundation in their native language; thus, giving them a background and language structure to acquire their second language, English. TODEC will provide services in eastern, central and western regions of Riverside County. TODEC believes that without this foundation in their native language, English language learners struggle to understand grammar, composition, and phonetics in English.

Staff recommends funding TODEC as it is innovative and offers a different approach to traditional English as a Second Language program by providing the non-literate monolingual person an opportunity to successfully learn and secure/retain employment.

Community-Based Organization	Area(s)	Funding Recommendation	Number to Be Served	Average Cost per Student
TODEC	Perris, Moreno Valley, Blythe	\$150,000	300	\$500

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Date: Approval: Yes/No	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONCURRENCE Required: Yes/No
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