

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



ACTION ITEM #1.3

SUBMITTAL DATE: December 16, 2009

SUBJECT: Additional Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth funding recommendations for Program Year 2009-2010.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Executive Committee approve \$592,000 of additional funding to the Riverside County Youth Opportunity Center (YOC) Service Providers to provide supportive services and additional vocational training.

BACKGROUND: On April 15, 2009, the Riverside County Workforce Investment Board approved 2009/10 WIA Youth funding recommendations for the operation of its 5 YOC's in Riverside County.

Riverside County EDA currently provides support services and vocational training through Individual Training Accounts (ITA) outside of its agreements with the YOCs. The YOCs have provided vocational training through partnerships with Community Colleges. This funding recommendation will streamline the ITA and support service processes by allowing the Service Providers to directly deliver these services and will also increase the amount of funding the YOCs will be able to allocate for vocational training.

Support Services

To streamline the delivery of Support Services, EDA staff recommends that additional funding be added to each of the YOC Service Providers budget to allow them to directly provide these services to the participants. Supportive Services is one of the nine required program elements of WIA. Types of Support Services include, but are not limited to, transportation, child care, and needs-related payments that are necessary to enable an individual to participate in activities.

Vocational Training

The goals of this recommendation are to increase the vocational training opportunities for participants and to increase their future employability. Two of the three WIA Youth Common Measures (Attainment of a Degree or Certificate and Entered Employment or Post Secondary Education) are outcomes directly linked to this activity. Although Riverside County EDA exceeded this standard for PY 2008/09, additional vocational training opportunities will provide additional performance improvement and additional skills opportunities for participants.

The Youth ITA policy has been revised to allow its YOC Service Providers to directly contract with vocational schools for vocational training. The policy requires the training to be in the WIB's 5 demand industries or in industries where the youth will have a high degree of employability. The policy also establishes a \$5,000 maximum.

Currently, YOCs directly contract with Community Colleges to provide vocational training to small groups of participants. The additional funds will allow the YOCs to expand the vocational training options through existing contracts with the Community colleges and to fund additional vocational training offered through Career Technical Education (CTE) and other vocational schools.

The following chart represents the additional funding recommendations for each YOC:

Service Provider	Support Services	ITA's	Vocational Training	Total Additional Funds Recommended
Arbor E & T – Indio	60,000	50,000	25,000	135,000
Arbor E & T – Perris	25,000	50,000	75,000	150,000
California Family Life Center – Hemet	50,000	20,000	15,000	120,000
California Family Life Center – Lake Elsinore	50,000	20,000	12,000	117,000
California Family Life Center – Rubidoux	50,000	20,000	0	70,000
Total all YOC's	235,000	160,000	127,000	592,000

<p>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</p> <p>Date: December 16, 2009 Approval: Yes/No</p>	<p>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONCURRENCE</p> <p>Required: Yes/No</p>
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