

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM:** Economic Development Agency

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
April 22, 2009

**SUBJECT:** American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funding Recommendation for the 2009 Summer Work Experience Program (SWEP)

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Riverside County Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the 2009 SWEP Funding Recommendations; and
2. Authorize the Director of Workforce Development to negotiate and execute agreements for the period of May 1, 2009, through October 31, 2010, within 10 percent of the recommended amounts.

**BACKGROUND:** The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009, allocates funding for activities authorized under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA). Riverside County Economic Development Agency (EDA), the administrator of the WIA funds for Riverside County, will receive \$9,448,056 in youth funds under ARRA for WIA youth activities, one of which is the Summer Work Experience Program (SWEP). For purposes of the ARRA funds, the summer period is defined as May 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, and will serve both in-school and out-of-school youth, ages 14 through 24. EDA's goal is to provide 2500 young people with 120 to 240 hours of paid work experience in public, private, and non-profit sectors. Participants will be placed in meaningful work experiences to gain workplace competencies and knowledge about future career options.  
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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 2,931,689	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2009/2010

**COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA:** N/A

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds	<b>Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Requires 4/5 Vote</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** APPROVE

BY: *Jennifer Sargent*  
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**County Executive Office Signature**

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: *NEAL R. KIPNIS* DATE: 4/22/09  
Departmental Concurrence

Policy

Consent

Dep't Recomm.:  
Per Exec. Ofc.:

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**BACKGROUND:** (continued) Each youth will learn valuable job search techniques, such as, resume development, effective interviewing skills, appropriate interviewing attire, and how to use labor market information to make career decisions. During their work experience, business ethics will be taught and evaluated. Additional developmental activities, such as basic math, language arts, communication skills and life skills may also be provided.

The Employment and Training Administration strongly encourages WIA Administrators with an infrastructure already in place to quickly expend a significant portion of the ARRA funds in the summer of 2009. It is critical that EDA balance the need to expend the ARRA funds quickly in order to stimulate the economy, while ensuring that quality programs are in place for our youth. The five Youth Opportunity Centers (YOCs) located in Indio, Perris, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, and Rubidoux are part of EDA's youth infrastructure and the lead agencies at each YOC will be instrumental in delivering a summer program in an expeditious manner. These lead agencies have been awarded contracts on an annual basis under a Request for Proposal (RFP) procurement that encompasses the period of July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2010. This recommendation provides \$400,000 of ARRA funds to each existing YOC under a separate scope of work and budget in order to track the SWEP services accurately, promote accountability and transparency, and maintain strong internal controls over the ARRA program funds. It is anticipated a total of 1,000 youth will be served through the YOCs under the ARRA summer program.

In addition to funding the service providers at the YOCs, a RFP was released by EDA on March 5, 2009, to secure additional service providers. Allocations for five new service providers to serve were also approved by the Workforce Development Board's Executive Committee on April 15, 2009.

EDA's goal is to serve 2,500 youth in the summer program. Due to the inadequate response through the RFP process to meet this goal, a sole source procurement and funding recommendations for additional providers will be brought forth for Board approval in May.

The following funding allocations are recommended:

Service Provider	Location	Funds Recommended	Number Served
Arbor YOC	Indio	\$400,000	200
Arbor YOC	Perris	\$400,000	200
California Family Life Center YOC	Hemet	\$400,000	200
California Family Life Center YOC	Lake Elsinore	\$400,000	200
California Family Life Center YOC	Rubidoux	\$400,000	200
Palm Springs Unified School District	Palm Springs	\$100,000	50
Escuela De La Raza Unida, Inc.	Blythe	\$116,689	50
Family Services Association of Western Riverside County	Western Riverside County	\$155,000	65
Goodwill of Southern California	Palm Desert	\$185,000	75
City of Temecula	Temecula	\$375,000	150
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