

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

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FROM: Economic Development Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 27, 2009

SUBJECT: Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth Opportunity Center Funding Recommendations

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Riverside County Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Youth Opportunity Center (YOC) Funding Recommendations for Program Year (PY) 2009/2010; and
2. Authorize the Director of Workforce Development to negotiate and execute agreements within 10% of the recommended amount.

BACKGROUND: In February 2007, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was released to solicit lead agencies to operate Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth Programs at Youth Opportunity Centers (YOCs) throughout Riverside County. This procurement encompasses a period of three years, effective July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2010. During the term of this procurement, the original awardees are eligible to renew their contracts on an annual basis contingent upon performance and funding availability. The YOC is designed to be the foundation for a continuum of youth services in the areas of counseling, life skills, education, occupational skills, leadership opportunities, work experience and employment.

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| FINANCIAL DATA | Current F.Y. Total Cost: | \$ 4,150,000 | 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

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| SOURCE OF FUNDS: Federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title 1B Youth Formula Funds | Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Requires 4/5 Vote | <input type="checkbox"/> |

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

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

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL BY: NEAL R. KIPNIS DATE: 4/30/09 Departmental Concurrence

Consent
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 Per Exec. Ofc.:

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| Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3.15 of 6/12/07; 3.8 of 4/1/08 3.16 of 1/27/09 | District: All | Agenda Number: |
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BACKGROUND:(continued) Collectively, the lead agency and its' partners assist youth in the attainment of various credentials, such as a high school diploma; prepare youth for post-secondary educational opportunities; link academic and occupational learning to career pathways; and provide exposure to the job market.

Emphasis for PY 2009/2010 is placed upon serving more youth and further collaboration with partners for the provision of vocational training, pre-apprenticeship programs and additional work experiences that not only promote high wage and high growth jobs within the local area, but also promote "green" knowledge in order for the youth to be competitive in a future economy.

At their April 15, 2009, meeting, the Workforce Development Board's Executive Committee approved a 3rd year of funding for the five YOCs located in the geographic areas of Indio, Perris, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, and Rubidoux.

The following funding allocations are recommended:

| Lead Agency | YOC Location | PY 2009/2010 Funding | Minimum Number of Youth |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Arbor Education and Training, LLC | Indio | \$850,000 | 131 |
| Arbor Education and Training, LLC | Perris | \$800,000 | 123 |
| California Family Life Center | Hemet | \$900,000 | 139 |
| California Family Life Center | Lake Elsinore | \$800,000 | 123 |
| California Family Life Center | Rubidoux | \$800,000 | 123 |
| Total Youth Center Funding | | \$4,150,000 | 639 |

The Committee delegated negotiation (to within 10 percent of the recommended amounts) and execution of the agreements to the Director of Workforce Development because of the Committee's infrequent meeting schedule and the need to expedite program implementation.