

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

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FROM: Economic Development Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
November 10, 2009

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

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Riverside County Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve \$150,000 in ARRA funds to Training Occupational Development Educating Communities (TODEC) Legal Center Perris, Inc. for a native language adult basic education program in Spanish and English in Program Year 2009/10; and
2. Authorize the Director of Workforce Development to negotiate and execute an agreement with TODEC Legal Center Perris, Inc. for this service within 10% of the recommended amount. All contracts will be approved by County Counsel prior to execution.

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

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**FINANCIAL
DATA**

Current F.Y. Total Cost: \$ 150,000
Current F.Y. Net County Cost: \$ 0
Annual Net County Cost: \$ 0

In Current Year Budget: Yes
Budget Adjustment: No
For Fiscal Year: 2009-10

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA: No

SOURCE OF FUNDS: U.S. Department of Labor American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 ☐
Requires 4/5 Vote ☐

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

BY:

County Executive Office Signature Jennifer L. Sargent

Dep't Recomm.: ☐ Consent ☒ Policy ☒
Per Exec. Ofc.: ☐ Consent ☒ Policy ☒

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A single response was received from 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. Based on TODECs experience in delivering this service it is found that without a foundation in their native language, English language learners struggle to understand grammar, composition, and phonetics in English. TODEC will provide services in eastern, central and western regions of Riverside County.

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 acquire skills in the English language. By providing this service to this population, the English language learner will be able to compete for jobs requiring fluency in the English language and/or enroll in additional skill development and vocational training services that will help them secure employment with a living wage.

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