

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

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FROM: Economic Development Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 8, 2010

SUBJECT: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Emergency Contingency Fund (ECF) funding recommendation for operation of a Subsidized Time-Limited Employment Program (STEP)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Riverside County Board of Supervisors approve the STEP funding recommendations beginning May 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010, and authorize the Director of Workforce Development, or designee, to negotiate and execute agreements within 10 percent of the funding recommendation.

BACKGROUND: The ARRA of 2009 established the ECF for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Programs to assist States that have increased expenditures for subsidized employment, non-recurrent, short-term benefits and basic assistance. Pursuant to the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Act (CalWORKs) and TANF Block Grant, the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) is mandated and funded to deliver time-limited employment-related activities and supportive services designed to maximize unsubsidized employment opportunities to CalWORKs public assistance applicants and recipients.

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 1,231,200	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	09/10

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA: No

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Emergency Contingency Funds. No impact.	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 BY COUNTY COUNSEL DATE
BY: NEAL R. KIPNIS
Departmental Concurrence

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED BY
ROBERT E. BYRD, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
BY: Samuel Wong 4/12/10
SAMUEL WONG

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.: District: ALL Agenda Number: **3.43**

BACKGROUND:

The Riverside County EDA and DPSS entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to deliver the STEP program through the Riverside County Summer Work Experience Program (SWEP) to CalWORKs public assistance recipients and other eligible participants such as foster youth.

This collaboration will leverage existing EDA and DPSS youth development resources. As a result, an additional 1,266 youth will be served during the summer. The total number of youth served through this partnership of ARRA SWEP and ECF STEP funds will be 2,520 (1,254 from SWEP and 1,266 from STEP).

Riverside County EDA Workforce Development division will subcontract these funds to nine of its eleven SWEP Contractors and the new Moreno Valley Youth Opportunity Center contractor to provide subsidized employment opportunities in concert with the SWEP. The City of Temecula and the City of Riverside did wish to participate in the STEP program. Participants will participate in Work Readiness Training and work experience for approximately 240 hours during the summer.

The following Riverside County SWEP service providers are recommended to operate the STEP:

Service Provider Name	2010 STEP Participants	Total 2010 STEP
Arbor Education & Training (Arbor E & T) – Perris Oasis Youth Opportunity Center	117	\$270,000
Arbor E & T – Indio WIN Youth Opportunity Center	117	\$270,000
Arbor E & T – Moreno Valley Youth Opportunity Center	117	\$270,000
California Family Life Center (CFLC) - Hemet Empower Youth Opportunity Center	117	\$270,000
CFLC - Lake Elsinore Planet Youth Opportunity Center	117	\$270,000
CFLC – Rubidoux Youth Opportunity Center	117	\$270,000
Escuela de la Raza - Blythe	40	\$101,250
Family Service Association - Moreno Valley	56	\$141,750
Riverside Community College District	208	\$540,000
Riverside County Office of Education	260	\$675,000
City of Temecula	0	\$0
City of Riverside	0	\$0
TOTAL	1,266	\$3,078,000

It is anticipated that the above contractors will expend up to \$1,231,200 by June 30, 2010. The balance of the funds will be spent by September 30, 2010.