

**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: Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program Year 2010-2011 Funding Recommendation for the operation of a new Youth Opportunity Center (YOC) in Riverside County.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Riverside County Board of Supervisors approve \$750,000 in Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth funding to Arbor Education & Training to operate a new Youth Opportunity Center (YOC) in Moreno Valley beginning April 21, 2010 through June 30, 2011 and authorize the Director of Workforce Development, or designee, to negotiate and execute an agreement within 10 percent of the funding recommendation.

BACKGROUND: Riverside County Economic Development Agency's (EDA) current budget projections, in conjunction with assessed employment needs of youth in Riverside County, allows for the funding of a new YOC. In December 2009, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was released to solicit lead agencies to operate a new YOC in Riverside County. The RFP covers the period of April 21, 2010, through June 30, 2013. Funding for subsequent PY 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 will depend on the amount of WIA Youth funding allocated to Riverside County, and the contractor's ability to meet performance and certification requirements.

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 107,142	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 Workforce Investment Act Youth 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

Policy Policy

Consent Consent

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: ALL

Agenda Number:

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: *Neal R. Kipnis* 4/12/10
DATE

Departmental Concurrence

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

Riverside County EDA received 4 responses to the RFP. Based on review of the RFP evaluations and taking into consideration program design, budget comparison, and socioeconomic status of the proposed YOC locations, EDA recommends funding one new site in Moreno Valley for \$750,000. This new YOC would serve a total of 112 participants, ages 16-21 during the period of April 21, 2010 through June 30, 2011. This recommendation was approved by the Workforce Investment Board on March 31, 2010. It is anticipated that the contractor will expend up to \$107,142 by June 30, 2010. The balance of the funds will be spent by June 30, 2011.

The YOC is designed to be the foundation for a continuum of youth serving organizations that combines comprehensive services in the areas of counseling, life skills, education, occupational skills, leadership opportunities, work experience and employment. Collectively, the lead agency and its partners assist youth in the attainment of various credentials, such as a high school diploma, prepare youth for postsecondary educational opportunities, link academic and occupational learning to career pathways and provide exposure to the job market. This is accomplished through various activities such as tutoring, study skills training, mentoring, paid and unpaid work experience, occupational skills training, counseling and leadership development.

Emphasis will be placed on further collaboration with partners, such as school districts, higher education entities and businesses 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 "green" economy. The continued focus is to provide all youth with vocational and academic opportunities through multiple and concurrent educational pathways.

There are five existing YOCs operating in the cities of Hemet, Indio, Lake Elsinore, Perris, and Rubidoux. The addition of the new YOC site would expand the existing service area to include Moreno Valley.

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