

**San Bernardino County
Workforce Investment Board
Youth Council
Agenda Item**

MEETING DATE: May 7, 2015

ITEM: (3a)

SUBJECT: Funding Recommendations For Workforce Innovation And Opportunity Act Youth Programs For Program Years 2015 through 2017

PRESENTED BY: Sandra Harmsen, Director
Workforce Development Department (WDD)

CONSENT _____ **DISCUSSION** X **INFORMATION** _____

RECOMMENDATION: Approve recommendation for allocation of funding in the amount of \$3,470,208 to 12 County Youth Providers for the purpose of providing academic enhancement, employment skills, and occupational training services to 529 eligible youth, under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, for the period of July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017.

BACKGROUND: This action will allow the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) to serve 529 at-risk youth under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Program for the 2015-17 program cycle. In the first year of the program cycle, the contractors provide youth with occupational training, work experience, counseling, tutoring, and supportive services in order to place youth in employment or higher education, earn credentials, and improve basic skills. In the second year of the program cycle, the contractors provide youth with follow-up services to ensure success utilizing the skills obtained during the prior year.

On December 26, 2012, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued soliciting qualified agencies to provide Workforce Investment Act (WIA)-eligible youth with ten program elements and services for the Program Years 2013 through 2015 with the option to renew up to three additional, program cycles. The RFP was posted on the WIB's website and the County Purchasing website. The RFP included a special information notice regarding the reauthorization of WIA and required successful proposers to modify their program design to comply with any new regulations that may be adopted by Congress and/or changes to available funds.

On February 13, 2013, 18 proposals were received and all were determined to be responsive to the RFP's minimum criteria. The proposals were evaluated by a committee of WDD program staff and were scored in accordance with the Proposal Review and Evaluation Process outlined in the RFP. The WIB Youth Council recommended 13 providers for funding. On April 30, 2013, the Executive Committee of the WIB approved the recommendation of the Youth Council to fund the 13 providers. On June 18, 2013, (Item No. 93) the Board of Supervisors approved 13 contracts as a result of the RFP, totaling \$3,464,089 for the period of July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2015.

On May 14, 2014 the WIB recommended that the Board of Supervisors amend these contracts from \$3,464,089 to an amount not to exceed \$6,926,678 to provide youth services, under WIA, for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016. On May 20, 2014, (Item No. 77) the Board of Supervisors approved amendments to the 13 contracts in amounts not to exceed \$6,926,678 for the period of July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2016.

On July 22, 2014, Congress signed into law the WIOA, which reauthorized, amended, and re-named, the WIA. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the RFP, all successful proposers shall comply with WIOA.

On October 9, 2014, Family Service Association (FSA) requested contract termination due to difficulties in carrying out contract requirements. FSA has not provided any services for the Program Years 2014 through 2016 nor expended any of the additional funds it was authorized to receive on May 20, 2014. FSA's contract will terminate on June 30, 2015.

On November 6, 2014, WDD contacted all current youth providers by e-mail to inform them of the opportunity to serve the 15 Morongo Basin youths that FSA had been contracted to serve using the \$101,205 in funds that FSA released. The providers were instructed to submit a two-page proposal by November 15, 2014, if interested. On November 15, 2014, WDD received two proposals, one from Career Institute and one from First Institute Training and Management, Inc. (FITM).

On January 6, 2015, a Youth Council Ad-Hoc Committee reviewed the two proposals and recommended FITM be selected to serve the 15 youths in the Morongo Basin, for an additional amount not to exceed \$150,000, on the basis that FITM originally proposed to serve the Morongo Area, they had existing contacts in the area, they had identified a proposed facility, they showed that they still had linkages to other Community Based organizations, and demonstrated to the Committee that they could positively serve the area. Their recommended amount was higher than the amount of funds FSA released due to FITM's need to establish, equip, and staff a Morongo Basin facility. On January 21, 2015, the full Youth Council approved the recommendation to engage FITM to continue the provision of WIA Youth Program services to at least 15 eligible youth in the Morongo Basin area through June 30, 2016. On February 4, 2015, the WIB approved the recommended additional funding. On April 21, 2015 (Item No. 68), the Board of Supervisors approved FITM's contract in the recommended, modified contract amount.

All current providers are meeting contract terms and federally mandated performance measures for placing youth in employment and helping youth increase in educational attainment. On April 22, 2015, an Ad Hoc Committee of the Youth Council reviewed the remaining providers' proposals and recommends to the Youth Council to issue WIOA contracts to 12 contracted providers in an amount not to exceed \$3,470,208, exercising its renewal option under the provisions of the contract, Section II Term of Contract.

It is recommended that the Youth Council approve making a recommendation to the WIB to approve the following contracts for recommendation for award to the Board of Supervisors:

| Contractor | Contract Amount | Youth to Serve | Cost Per Participant |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Apple Valley Unified School District | \$319,500 | 50 | \$6,390 |
| Career Institute | \$855,000 | 120 | \$7,125 |
| Chino Valley Unified School District | \$167,375 | 25 | \$6,695 |
| Colton Redlands Yucaipa ROP | \$321,100 | 52 | \$6,175 |
| First Institute | \$285,000 | 40 | \$7,125 |
| Gang Reduction Intervention Team | \$142,500 | 20 | \$7,125 |
| Goodwill Industries So Cal | \$95,500 | 20 | \$4,775 |
| Hesperia Unified School District | \$276,108 | 42 | \$6,574 |
| Mental Health Systems | \$142,500 | 20 | \$7,125 |
| Mojave River Academy | \$85,500 | 15 | \$5,700 |
| Operation New Hope | \$285,000 | 40 | \$7,125 |
| Provisional Educational Center | \$495,125 | 85 | \$5,825 |
| Total | \$3,470,208 | 529 | \$6,479.92 |

Under the terms of the WIOA Youth Program contracts, these agencies will provide WIOA Youth Program services to 529 eligible youth for the 2015-2017 program cycle.

WIB Committee Action:

Motion: Phil Cothran Second:

Affirmative: 9 Negative: 0

Abstention: Lowell King, Jackie King, Teresa Taylor

DATE: 5/7/15