

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

**AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT
OF 2009 (Recovery Act) / WORKFORCE
INVESTMENT ACT (WIA) YOUTH EMPLOYMENT
SERVICES FOR
YEAR-ROUND YOUTH SERVICES 2009-2010**

**APPROVAL OF FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE AMERICAN
RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 (RECOVERY ACT) /
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA) YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
FOR YEAR-ROUND SERVICES 2009-2010**

BACKGROUND:

In the spring 2009, this board approved the funding recommendations for the 2009 Sacramento Works for Youth Summer program funded by the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Recovery Act stipulated that allowable activities include work readiness, summer employment and year-round youth development services. During the summer of 2009, the Sacramento Works for Youth program provided summer employment to 960 youth.

SETA contracted with nineteen providers for the 2009 Sacramento Works for Youth program. Of those, twelve providers were new WIA youth program providers. As a result there was considerable technical assistance required to implement the summer program within the ARRA and SETA parameters. Program services were evaluated and monitored by both SETA and State of California staff.

SETA's 2009 Youth Recovery Act Request for Proposals and the approved funding recommendations included language that SETA reserved the right to negotiate with successful providers to continue year-round Youth Services. The Recovery Act stipulates that youth enrolled after September 30, 2009 are subject to the WIA performance criteria. Because seven providers are current WIA youth providers they were not considered for year-round Recovery Act funding. Staff has determined that approximately \$500,000 is available to provide year-round youth services with Recovery Act funds. This will allow sufficient resources to provide summer employment opportunities for approximately 900 youth in 2010.

The following criteria was used to evaluate 2009 Summer Youth Program performance relative to continued year-round Recovery Act funding:

- 1. Program performance and service delivery**
 - Met enrollment goals
 - Provided required activities
 - Youth matched to appropriate worksites reflecting their career goals or academic interests
 - Youth provided a quality summer employment experience
 - Provided additional services including leadership development activities or other support services that help youth attain long-term employment.

- 2. Documentation and SMARTware**
 - Program submitted required documents to SETA in a timely manner?
(Timesheets, Rosters of enrolled youths, Worksite agreements)
 - **SMARTware:**
 - Individual Employment Plans developed for all youth

- Case notes documenting all youth activities and youth's progress

3. Federal, local and programmatic guidelines

- Program adhered to local and federal guidelines, including child labor laws and WIA, ARRA specific

4. Worksite coordination – Program provided appropriate coordination with worksites including insuring documents and program guidelines are available to the worksites?

5. Staff responsiveness

- Program staff was responsive to SETA and ARRA requirements, trainings and technical assistance

Finally, in consideration of current WIA Youth program goals and performance, the following factors were reviewed:

- Demonstrated ability to provide all WIA elements and meet program performance
- Demonstrated ability to serve under-served target populations and geographic areas.

Based on the above criteria, four providers have been recommended for continued year-round Recovery Act funding. This funding is based on budgets submitted by providers to SETA during the 2009 contract negotiations. A listing of the 2009 Sacramento Works for Youth summer providers and the funding recommendation chart is attached. The recommended providers are:

California Human Development Corporation served 40 youth in the summer program. Target area: Sacramento County with special focus on Galt and River Delta. CHDC is new to Sacramento WIA program but has provided youth services under CETA, JTPA and WIA in other counties. Additionally, CHDC is targeting two critical areas – the underserved migrant youth population and Galt/River Delta areas. Recommended funding of \$127,300 to serve 30 youth.

Crossroads Diversified Services served 56 youth in Citrus Heights and Rancho Cordova. Although new to Sacramento WIA youth program, Crossroads successfully provides youth services under the WIA Youth Navigator program and Department of Rehabilitation funds. Crossroads has a long history of serving under-served youth including youth with disabilities. Crossroads will target the underserved areas of Citrus Heights and Rancho Cordova – where there is no existing WIA youth provider. Recommended funding of \$118,925 to serve 30 youth.

Lao Family Community Development served 50 youth in South Sacramento primarily focusing on the Southeast Asian, refugee and immigrant youth. Previous experience Lao Family is new to Sacramento WIA program but has provided youth services under WIA in other counties. Additionally, Lao Family is targeting an underserved community – children of asylees and refugees. Recommended funding of \$120,550 to serve 30 youth.

Mutual Assistance Network served 20 youth in the Del Paso Heights and North Sacramento areas. Mutual Assistance Network was a previous co-manager of the Sacramento Works Career Center at Las Palmas until 2003. Although new to Sacramento WIA program, MAN has experience providing youth development and leadership services. MAN will be targeting the Del Paso Heights area. Recommended funding of \$114,520 to serve 30 youth.

Staff is recommending allocating \$481,295 in Recovery Act/WIA Youth funds for services for the period of October 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. This funding will serve an additional 120 youth in the year-round program. This will allow sufficient funds to serve approximately 900 youth in the summer 2010. This recommendation includes an option to extend based on available funding and program performance.

RECOMMENDATION: Review and approve the staff recommendation funding for the Recover Act / WIA, Year-round Youth Services 2009 in the amount of \$481,295 for the four listed providers.

2009 Recovery Act - Sacramento Works for Youth Providers

Current year-round WIA Youth Providers	Number served	Geographic area served
City of Sacramento	59	City of Sacramento
Elk Grove Unified School District	52	Elk Grove
Galt JUHSD	29	Galt
LaFamilia Counseling Center	63	Central and South Sacramento
Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center	59	North Highlands and South Sacramento
Sacramento County Office of Education	32	Sacramento County
Previous providers - funded departments were new to WIA/ARRA		
San Juan Unified School District	60	Citrus Heights, Arden Arcade, San Juan district
SCUSD - Career Tech Prep	98	Sac City USD
Twin Rivers USD - Career and Technical Prep	58	Twin Rivers USD
New ARRA/WIA Youth Providers		
California Human Development Corporation	40	County, focus on Galt and River Delta
California Indian Manpower	31	County of Sacramento
Crossroads Diversified	65	Rancho Cordova & Citrus Heights
Folsom Cordova Community Partnership	83	Folsom Cordova USD
Greater Sacramento Urban League	72	Del Paso Heights and North Sacramento
Lao Family Community Development	50	South Sacramento
Mutual Assistance Network	21	Del Paso Heights & North Sacramento
North State Building Industry Association	22	North Sacramento
Roberts Family Development	20	Central and North Sacramento
Soil Born Farms	15	County & Rancho Cordova
Sacramento Works for Youth	31	County

Total 960

RECOVERY ACT YOUTH FUNDING
Year-round Program 2009-2010

Provider	Summer Allocation		Funding Recommendations					Neighborhood or SWCC
	Funds	#youth	Youth Wages	Program Mgmt Costs +Support Services	Total	Cost per participant *	# of Youth	
CA Human Development Corporation	\$ 193,863	40	51,672	75,628	127,300	\$4,243	30	County, Galt & Delta
Crossroads Diversified	\$ 101,842	56	51,672	67,253	118,925	\$3,964	30	Rancho & Citrus Heights
Lao Family Community Development	\$ 108,100	50	51,672	68,878	120,550	\$4,018	30	Avondale / South Sacramento
Mutual Assistance Network	\$ 75,740	20	51,672	62,848	114,520	\$3,817	30	Del Paso Hgts
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION:			\$ 206,688	\$ 274,607	\$ 481,295	\$ 4,011	120	