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Tulare County Workforce Investment Board, Inc.

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COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA DATE: June 2, 2009

SUBJECT:

American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) Funds – Approve Tulare County Workforce Investment Board's Allocation

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Approve receipt of the attached ARRA funds allocated to the Tulare County Workforce Investment Board:
- ARRA Adult \$1,656,525
- ARRA Youth \$3,957,662
- ARRA Dislocated Worker \$3,135,585
- 2. Approve the necessary budget adjustments per the attached AUD 308

SUMMARY:

Specific Outcomes from these funds include:

- 1. Youth funding stream focused on a Youth@Work summer program (2009), which will serve/employ over 1,800 you age 14-24.
- 2. Adult and Dislocated Worker funding streams will be used to increase training opportunities to our community, including:
 - a. Additional 400 On the Job Training opportunities
 - b. Additional 400 classroom/vocational training opportunities
 - c. Purchase of group size classroom training
 - d. Development and implementation of industry led customized training

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contracts

e. Supportive services to clients.

Background (DOL TEN 30-08):

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (The Recovery Act) is intended to preserve and create jobs, promote the nation's economic recovery, and assist those most impacted by the recession. The Recovery Act provides the U.S. Department of Labor and the public workforce investment system with unprecedented levels of funding for a number of employment and training programs to help Americans acquire new skills and get back to work.

If the workforce system is to meet both the letter and the spirit of the law and fulfill its critical role in the U.S. economic recovery, we must implement the Act expeditiously and effectively, with full transparency and accountability of our expenditure of funds. But the Recovery Act provides more than an injection of workforce development resources into communities in need across the country. This significant investment of Recovery Act funds presents an extraordinary and unique opportunity for the workforce system to advance its transformational efforts and demonstrate its full capacity to innovate and implement effective One-Stop service delivery strategies. In this system, the needs of workers and employers are equally important in developing thriving communities where all citizens succeed and businesses prosper. Successful implementation of the Recovery Act includes not only quick and effective provision of services and training for workers in need, but also leveraging changes in the system's basic operations to develop a strong, invigorated, innovative public workforce system capable of helping enable future economic growth and advancing shared prosperity for all Americans.

In a stronger, more comprehensive workforce investment system, adults move easily between the labor market and education and training in order to advance in their careers and upgrade their contributions to the workplace, while disconnected youth are able to reconnect through multiple pathways to education and training opportunities necessary to enter and advance in the workforce. Adult education, job training, postsecondary education, registered apprenticeship, career advancement and supportive service activities are fully aligned with economic and community development strategies, so as to meet the skill needs of existing and emerging employers and high growth occupations as well as the needs of under-skilled adults. Under such a dual-customer approach, seamless career pathways would be developed and offered, and support services and needs-based payments would be available, making it far easier for young people and adults to advance and persist through progressive levels of the education and job training system as quickly as possible and gain education and workforce skills of demonstrated value at each level. Education and training at every level would be closely aligned with jobs and industries important to local and regional economies. Every level of education and training would afford students and trainees the ability to advance in school or at work, with assessments and certifications linked to the requirements of the next level of education and employment. With this infusion of funding, states, and local **SUBJECT**: TCWIB ARRA Funds

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areas should consider how their funding decisions and implementation activities for Recovery Act funds can help achieve this goal of workforce system transformation.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

These funds will increase our budget for PY 2008-2009 and 2009-2010:

ARRA Funding Stream	PY 2008-2009	PY 2009-2010
Adult	404,614	1,160,911
Youth	1,319,221	2,638,441
Dislocated Worker	0	3,135,585
Total	1,723,835	6,934,937

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Economic Well Being of our community. The ARRA funds directly aide in achieving this goal. Implementation of the Youth@Work program and additional training opportunities listed above for Adult and Dislocated Workers helps fulfill this initiative by ensuring additional income to Tulare County Youth and a workforce possessing increased skills.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose to take no action; however, selection of this alternative would result in the absence of the Youth@Work program and decreased training opportunities for Tulare County residents.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

1. Many other county departments are worksites for the Youth@Work program. Projects have been incorporated as part of the "Strengthening the Bottom Line" initiative.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Adam Peck

Executive Director

Cc: Auditor/Controller

County Counsel

County Administrative Office (3)

Attachment(s)

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

) RESOLUTION NO) AGREEMENT NO
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, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:	
AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:	
	JEAN M. ROUSSEAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BY:	Deputy Clerk
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