

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 3/19/09

FROM: Youth Council (Workgroup)

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) – Age Groups

PROPOSED MOTION(S): The Youth Council workgroup recommend to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) that staff negotiate youth funding from the ARRA to augment current WIA Youth Contract Programs (PY 08/09), to include increasing the number of summer youth employment for year-round youth throughout PY 08/09, and funding be divided between 14-17, 18-21, and 22-24 year old youth for stand-alone summer youth components.

DISCUSSION: The Youth Council workgroup met on March 10, 2009, with consensus from the group being the ARRA funding be provided by negotiating with current WIA youth contract programs to increase the number of year-round participants to begin with summer youth employment activities. The funding shall be provided according to need and capacity, and will include the most expeditious manner possible to ensure that up to 100% of funding is spent in PY 2008/09 among the three age groups.

This summer, with the ARRA funding, the WIB is allowed to provide stand-alone summer youth employment components. The recommendation for funding in the proposed motion is due to Senate enacting language as well as recommendations by the Employment Training Administration to “use a significant portion of these funds to operate expanded summer youth employment opportunities”. The focus for the funds shall:

- **Require separate funding and participant tracking;**
- **Include foster youth;**
- **Include TANF family youth; and**
- **Serve youth throughout the County.**

The length of these funds shall be from February 17, 2009 through June 30, 2011.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A