

TO: Executive Committee

DATE: 10/04/10

FROM: QUED

For Discussion

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For Information

SUBJECT: Disposition of Incentive Funds from 07/08 and 08/09

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Approve the use of Incentive funds for 07/08 and 08/09 totaling approximately \$23,049 to supplement paid WIA services for adult and dislocated worker participants.

DISCUSSION: On July 14, 2010, the State of California's Employment Development Department issued Information Notice WSIN 10-8 detailing Incentive Awards – Exemplary Performance for Program Years (PY) 07-08 and 08/09. Incentive funds are provided to Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIAs) that met the performance measures for the corresponding program years. The incentive funds were based on recommendations by the California Workforce Investment Board (CalWIB) and the Labor and Workforce Development Agency and Governor's Office.

According to the notice, the Merced LWIA will receive \$12,031 for meeting performance in PY 07/08 and \$11,018 for performance in PY 08/09. These funds must be used by 6/30/11 and were calculated in accordance with the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Directive WSD09-16, dated April 14, 2010, and as specified in the WIA, Section 134(a)(2)(B)(iii). Incentive Funds are not linked to any of the three programs; that is, they are not Adult, Dislocated Worker or Youth funds, and they may be spent in any or all of the programs.

In times past, incentive funds were spent on supportive services for Registered Nurses, employer appreciation, community specific training, marketing, and printing costs associated with the Youth Resource Directory created and updated by the Youth Council.

On September 15, 2010; the Quality Employment and Development Ad Hoc Committee (QUED) recommended that the funds be used to supplement shortages in formula funding for the Adult and Dislocated Workers where needed.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A