

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 11/12/09

FROM: Executive Committee

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Empower Contract for Disposition of Unspent Youth Funds Amendment (No. 2009149)

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Ratify the Executive Committee's decision to approve the Youth Council's recommendation to replace \$175,000 of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding with \$267,783 of unspent 08/09 funds to the 2009/10 Out-of-School Youth Contract (No. 2009149) and utilize the ARRA funding to extend the Work Experience Program through the Department of Workforce Investment, and forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

DISCUSSION: The current Out-of-School Youth contract (No. 2009149) began July 1, 2009. All invoices for the prior contract year have been submitted and unspent funding is established. On September 16, 2009, the Youth Council approved the replacement of \$175,000 ARRA funds with \$267,783 unspent 08/09 formula funds. Both the Department of Workforce Investment and Merced County Office of Education has unspent 08/09 funds that must be spent by June 2010. Additionally, the Youth Council recommended that ARRA funding be used to continue the Youth Work Experience Program through the Department of Workforce Investment for 18-24 year-old youth serving approximately 140 participants.

These funds will increase the number of participants being served as planned by Merced County Office of Education and approved by the Youth Council. This amendment adds \$92,783 of unspent funding to the contract, increasing the total amount to \$965,276.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A