

**MERCED COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE INVESTMENT
GRANT APPLICATION STATUS REPORT
MARCH 5, 2003**

Grant Name	Amount	Status	Expected Notification Date
<u>Dislocated Workers Assistance</u>	\$100,000	Pending	January 2003
<u>California Wellness Foundation</u>	\$90,000	Pending	March 2003
<u>Joblinks Demonstration Grant</u>	\$50,000	Pending	March 2003
<u>LEGAC!</u>	\$30,000	Pending	May 2003

Grant Name: **Dislocated Workers Assistance**

Date Submitted: 9/11/02

Description:

The Merced County Department of Workforce Investment has requested \$100,000 in funding from the Governor's 25% funds to address worker dislocation. The requested funding would provide training services to over 200 workers throughout the County who have been impacted by layoffs at two locations, specifically the Cal-Almonds plant in Livingston and the Land O' Lakes plant in Gustine. Many of the workers affected by the layoffs have specific barriers to seeking new employment, including lack of high school diplomas or GEDs and lack of English fluency. Some of the services to be provided to these dislocated workers will include job or career counseling, labor market information, job search, job development, English as a Second Language training, General Equivalency Diploma (GED) preparation, Vocational Skills Training, and supportive services.

Grant Name: **California Wellness Foundation**

Date Submitted: 12/12/02

Description:

The Merced County Department of Workforce Investment has requested \$90,000 over a three-year period from the California Wellness Foundation to implement a project designed to ensure the attraction and retention of people of color and other underrepresented groups to the nursing program at Merced College. This will be accomplished through a multi-faceted approach to provide students with the keys to success. Specifically, the project will 1) increase recruitment efforts through the implementation of a Nursing Ambassador program, through which

diverse members of the nursing community will make presentations to local youth in schools and to WI clients at the local One-Stop Career Centers to inspire their interest in the nursing profession; 2) Increase retention efforts by employing a part-time Success Monitor to provide intensive counseling and one-on-one assistance to nursing students; and 3) Improve program completion rates by providing stipends to students to reduce the likelihood of attrition due to financial hardship.

Grant Name: Joblinks Demonstration Grant

Date Submitted: 2/14/03

Description:

The Department of Workforce Investment has requested \$50,000 from the Community Transportation Association of America to fund a demonstration project. The project will employ a transportation coordinator for 12 months who will be housed at the One-Stop. The coordinator will work directly with our One-Stop partner agencies to carry out the following activities: 1) Conduct an analysis of existing transportation resources and gaps in service for One-Stop partner agencies, 2) Consolidate the findings of two existing local studies regarding the transportation needs of Merced County residents and the transportation resources available throughout the County; 3) Work directly with One-Stop partners to help them implement the recommendations of the studies; 4) Conduct analysis and develop a plan for a "transportation resource center" to be created for the One-Stop; 5) Conduct analysis and develop a plan for a transportation program that will facilitate the participation of rural and disadvantaged youth in community activities; and 6) Work with existing Department of Workforce Investment staff to identify possible funding sources for transportation resource center and rural youth transportation program.

Grant Name: LEGACI

Date Submitted: 1/13/03

Description:

The Department of Workforce Investment partnered with The Business-Economic Opportunities Department and the Merced County Economic Development Corporation to submit this grant. The amount of \$30,000 was requested to support a campaign to market the amenities of Merced County to existing businesses (for retention purposes) and businesses interested in relocating (for attraction purposes). The campaign will also include a workforce development element that will market Worknet services.