

**TO: Executive Committee**

**DATE: 4/07/08**

**FROM: WIB Staff**

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

**SUBJECT: CalGRIP Funding**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): For Information Only**

**DISCUSSION:** The proposed project will provide educational, job/vocational, supportive and counseling services to youth enrolled in the Merced County Department of Probation Bear Creek Academy (BCA) program. These youths are juvenile offenders in the long-term BCA program who are now in their long-term electronic monitoring phase, and are soon to transition back into the community. A highly collaborative approach between the Department of Workforce Investment, Probation, and the Merced County Office of Education will provide the youth with a comprehensive service plan and pathway that will help them identify their strengths, develop positive goals and strategies for eventual self-sufficiency.

On March 26, 2008, Merced County Probation Department, Human Services Agency, Merced County Office of Education and Workforce Investment staff met and covered details about the project. Subsequent meetings will follow to ensure project goals and timelines will be met. At the request of the State, the number of youth served by this project has been increased and will now serve between 35-40 youth.

The CalGRIP funding that covers this project was made available by the Department of Labor (DOL) through the Governor's 15% discretionary funds, and was procured separately from the funding that the Boys and Girls Club received for their gang suppression project. The funding the Boys and Girls Club received was not made competitively available to Local Workforce Investment Areas.

**ATTACHMENT(S): N/A**