

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 05/13/04

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Application to the Employment Development Department's Local Workforce Investment Area Demonstration Grant Fund

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.

DISCUSSION: On March 9, 2004, The Employment Development Department (EDD) announced availability of funds for improving outreach, service delivery, and outcomes for One-Stop Career Center customers with hearing and visual impairments. Local Workforce Investment Boards are eligible for these funds.

The WIB is eligible to apply for \$75,000 to fund the purchase of auxiliary aids, sign language interpretation services, assistive listening devices, large print materials, and numerous other items to aid the One-Stop Career Center in serving visually and hearing impaired customers. Once such services are in place, their efficacy will be evaluated, and information about the outcomes of the services will be disseminated by the State to other Workforce Investment Areas.

On April 27, 2004, the Board of Supervisors granted authority to submit the application and authorized the Director of Workforce Investment to return to the Board if awarded to process the grant documents. Notification of grant award is expected in June 2004.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A