

**TO: Workforce Investment Board**

**DATE: 5/22/03**

**FROM: Executive Committee**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**For Discussion**

**SUBJECT: Submission of application to the Stuart Foundation for a grant to support foster youth services**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): The WIB Executive Committee authorize the Department of Workforce Investment to prepare and submit the application**

**DISCUSSION: The Stuart Foundation funds projects primarily in California and Washington states, and funds approximately 20% of the proposals it receives. Applicants can request up to \$500,000 and multi-year funding is available.**

**The two most compelling reasons for pursuing a Stuart Foundation grant to support foster youth services at this time are:**

- 1) The Foundation has identified “preparing foster children and youth for transitions and supporting those transitions after they leave foster care” as one of its top funding priorities for this year; and**
- 2) The Foundation has a strong history of supporting local government agencies.**

**The deadline for the quarterly grant review is June 1, 2003. The Department of Workforce Investment in collaboration with Merced County Office of Education and Human Services Agency is currently working to identify a competitive project, and anticipates submitting a funding request for approximately \$500,000. When the final project concept is identified it will be brought to the WIB.**

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