

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 7/17/03

FROM: Executive Committee

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Submission of Application from the Department of Workforce Investment (WI) to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care Program

PROPOSED MOTION(S): To concur with the Merced County Board of Supervisors' action taken 6/17/03 to authorize the Department of Workforce Investment to prepare and submit the application that would commit a match of \$50,481 over three (3) years.

DISCUSSION: The Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care (COC) Program is designed to provide various types of assistance to homeless persons. The Merced County Association of Governments has been working at the request of the Board of Supervisors to create a Continuum of Care plan for the County that describes in detail how the County intends to address homelessness issues.

In conjunction with the COC plan, WI will submit a request for \$201,924 to provide paid work experience, supportive services and case management for up to 40 homeless individuals. A commitment of match in the amount of \$50,481 is required. The match will be in the form of Title I funds, and will be used for assessment, data collection, and other activities that would otherwise be provided by WI. These activities will be tracked separately as services to the homeless. Funding announcements are expected in October 2003.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A