

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 3/19/09

FROM: Youth Council (Workgroup)

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Youth Funding Levels for PY 08/09 – 10/11

PROPOSED MOTION(S): The Youth Council workgroup recommend to the Workforce Investment Board that youth funding from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 be divided as follows: at least 75% and up to 100% spent in PY 08/09, with remaining funds spent in PY 09/10.

DISCUSSION: On March 10, 2009, the Youth Council workgroup reached consensus that most of the Youth Funding from the ARRA be spent in PY 08/09. The workgroup also recommended that staff utilize the most expeditious method possible for procurement. These actions will fulfill the Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) expectation to use a significant portion of these funds in PY 08/09.

On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was signed into law. States are expected to spend Recovery Act funding quickly and effectively, with the majority of these funds utilized within the first year of availability. The recommendation for funding in the proposed motion is due to Senate enacting language as well as recommendations by the ETA to provide as many youth as possible with summer employment opportunities.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A