

TO: Executive Committee

DATE: 04/05/10

FROM: WIB Staff

For Discussion

For Action

For Information

SUBJECT: Grant Opportunity – Governor’s Grant – Bridges to Success

PROPOSED MOTION(S): If the grant is awarded, to submit a Board Agenda Item to the Board of Supervisors to approve the acceptance of the Bridges to Success Grant.

DISCUSSION: At the March 11 Workforce Investment Board (WIB) meeting, the Department of Workforce Investment (WI) Director noted that a grant proposal was being submitted by the name of Bridges to Success. The Director informed the WIB that, due to a short window of time, an action item would be submitted at the next WIB meeting to ask the WIB to approve the acceptance of the grant, if awarded, and submit the grant for approval to the Merced County Board of Supervisors.

The Grant is funded by the Governor’s fifteen percent discretionary funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The local application is requesting \$499,855 in grant funds. There is a \$501,019 in-kind match requirement.

WI in partnership with the Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) submitted the grant proposal. MCOE will provide approximately \$450,919 of the in-kind match requirement. The intent of the grant is to fund projects that keep at-risk youth engaged by creating a link between academic learning and the summer employment program by connecting in-school learning experience to real life work activities and career pathways.

ATTACHMENT(S):

None