

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 05/13/10

FROM: WIB Staff

For Discussion

For Action

For Information

SUBJECT: Bridges to Success Grant Award

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Recommend acceptance of Bridges to Success grant funding award in the amount of \$499,855 and forward to the Merced County Board of Supervisors to accept the Bridges to Success grant award.

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.

At the Executive Committee Meeting on April 5, 2010, the committee voted to submit a Board Agenda Item to the Board of Supervisors to approve the acceptance of the Bridges to Success Grant. Since that meeting, an information notice was received by the California Employment Development Department that the grant has been awarded to the Merced County Department of Workforce Investment.

The Grant is funded by the Governor's fifteen percent discretionary funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). 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):

(Award Notice is attached at end of packet)