

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 09/03/09

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Grant Opportunity with Central Valley Opportunity Center – Department of Labor/ETA – Pathways Out of Poverty

PROPOSED MOTION(S): That the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) approve partnering with Central Valley Opportunity Center (CVOC) for a Pathways Out of Poverty grant offered through the Department of Labor’s Employment Training Administration (DOL/ETA). Also, the Department of Workforce Investment negotiate the WIB’s role in the grant and, if successful, bring agreements on implementation back to the WIB for approval.

DISCUSSION: CVOC is planning on applying for a Pathways Out of Poverty grant made available through the Department of Labor Employment & Training Administration (DOL/ETA). The total number of program participants and outcome targets for the this project is pending. If awarded, the role of the WIB may include providing support for a needs assessment of current and future “green job training” of local employers. CVOC will include training funds in the proposed project to address the assessment and training needs of local employers. CVOC plans on starting a weatherization training center to train home and business energy assessors with future training plans to include training in solar energy installation.

If successful, agreements between CVOC and the Department of Workforce Investment for services will be brought back to the WIB for approval.

Due Date: September 29, 2009

Amount: Maximum grant award of \$3.5 million.

Time Frame: 24-month period of performance.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A