

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 01/27/10

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Discussion

For Action

For Information

SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee recommendations for Use of Youth Funds

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Youth Council recommend to the WIB to utilize remaining funds (approximately \$44,400) for the purpose of options 1, 2 and 3 stated below or other option.

DISCUSSION: At the last YC meeting an Ad Hoc Committee was adopted to provide recommendations on how to allocate the remaining youth funds of approximately \$44,400. At the September meeting it was recommended that YC leave the remaining dollars to allocate at youth council discretion. These monies need to be spent by June of 2010. On 11/09/09 Staff sent an email to the Council providing a Table of allowable and unallowable activities under the law.

The Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Melissa Abby, Atenas Vallejo and Nellie McGarry met to discuss potential recommendations for the remaining \$44,400 available funds. The recommendations are based in part on the discussion at the last Youth Council meeting in December. The following recommendations are being submitted by the Ad Hoc Committee with the intention that funds need to be spent soon.

- 1. Allocate \$10,000 to the MCOE Empower Program to encourage academic perseverance and recognize academic achievement. In discussions with Holly Newlon this would provide an opportunity to recognize those Empower Youth who are succeeding in their Academic activities and reward them with a lab top computer to further continue their course work. This recommendation was also based on the discussion of possible allowable activities at the December YC Meeting.**

Note: The California Employment Development Department Advisor was consulted and advised that computer purchases for individual participants is not an "allowable expenditure."

- 2. Allocate \$20,000 for Youth Council Enrichment. Currently staff has stated that Paul Clayton is available and ready to provide information about the psychology of today's youth, how they fit with other generations, what employers are looking for in the workforce to include best practices. Additionally, the Committee felt that a**

Youth Council Retreat would also be appropriate as Mr. Clayton's cost would only be \$1,500.00

- 3. Allocate \$15,000 for a County Job Shadow Day. In the past this has been done with much success. The thought would be the Youth Council would be the host of this one day experience, recruiting the businesses and companies to play a part in this day. We would invite youth currently in our contracted programs, identify their interest and recruit potential businesses based on their interest culminating it with an end of day reception. Council with the support of Staff would implement this Job Shadow Day.**

Since we are in a very difficult predicament we felt that providing recommendations that were easy to implement rather than to allocate the total amount to a contracted program would be better than having that contracted program possibly fail by not spending the funds in a timely manner.

The committee felt very strongly about allocating some funds to MCOE for computers as incentives because this would provide an opportunity for those Empower Youth to continue to strive for excellence.

Additionally, at the December meeting there was some discussion of a possible Youth Survey, the committee felt that at this time implementing such a survey would not be prudent given our time frame.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A