

**TO: Youth Council**

**DATE: 02/17/10**

**FROM: Youth Council Staff**

For Discussion

For Action

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**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.**

**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.**

**The Ad Hoc Committee consisted of Atenas Vallejo, John Flower, Rick Osorio, Nellie McGarry and YC Chair Debbie Glass including staff Eve Snelling, Jessica Garibay and Jackie Walther-Parnell. The following recommendations are being submitted by the Ad-Hoc Committee with the intention that the allocation of funds needs to be identified. The following report was submitted by Youth Council Ad Hoc Committee.**

- 1. Allocate \$20,000 to MCOE – This would allow students to attend the Green Jobs Corps outdoor school during spring break. The cost per participant for this activity would be \$350, plus transportation and staff stipends and overnight student supervision for 50 students.**
- 2. Allocate \$5,000 to prep for Summer Youth Program – As you recall the stimulus monies came to the department in a very short time frame, this prep start up will allow the department to at least have someone in place to start up the program.**
- 3. Allocate \$19,400 for Youth Council Training and Youth Council Development – The committee felt very strongly that this Council needs to develop not only its board members but to also develop the minds of our youth. The committee proposed the following ideas but also wanted to include other ideas at the discretion of the sub-committee.**
  - Schedule Paul Clayton for March 18<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$1,500 which would also include an invitation to the WIB. Mr. Clayton will focus his discussion on the Psychology of Youth today.**
  - YC Members to attend the Annual CWA Conference, Cal Ed Conference and/or CWA Meeting of the Minds. Members felt these conferences bring energy, provide good information regarding youth development and program services, and an opportunity to see what other Youth Councils are doing. The subcommittee and Chair will identify which conference to attend with a maximum cost of 2 members at \$1,500, not to exceed \$6,000**

- **AT the CWA Youth Conference in Long Beach members attended the plenary session regarding Road Trip Nation. YC Members are very interested in this project and would like to replicate it to some degree in Merced. Mr. Mike Marriner, President and Co-founder is very willing to come to Merced to share his program. Currently they are working with the Riverside WIB to implement a year on long project. It was expressed to Mr. Mike Marriner that Youth Council probably would not do that however would like to replicate it to some degree. Cost to bring Mr. Marriner would not exceed \$2,500. Mr. Marriner, has March 17, 2010 as a proposed date for a Youth Council presentation.**
- **Continue with the Ad-Hoc committee to identify motivational speakers and projects that would further the mission of the Youth Council. These projects will be submitted on an ongoing basis.**

**Additionally, the Ad- Hoc committee suggested that another subcommittee be identified to support the needs of the current contracts. Staff prepared documents outlining the spending practices in both Empower and YOP programs (invoices are up to date) and are under the current targeted percentages required. Committee suggested the YC Chair and 2 other members be identified to determine if the contracts need to be readjusted.**

**ATTACHMENT(S): N/A**