

**TO: Youth Council**

**DATE: 3/11/09**

**FROM: Youth Council Staff**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**For Discussion**

**SUBJECT: American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) - Age Groups**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S):** That the Youth Council recommend to the Workforce Investment Board that youth funding from the ARRA be divided as follows: 25% of PY 08/09 funding be spent to augment current WIA Youth Contract Programs which includes increasing the number of summer youth employment for year round youth throughout PY 08/09, and 75% of PY 08/09 funding be divided between 14-17, 18-21, and 22-24 year old youth for stand-alone summer youth components.

**DISCUSSION:** The ARRA funding that would be provided to the current WIA youth contract programs shall begin with increasing the number of year round participants that will begin with summer youth employment activities.

This summer, with the ARRA funding, the Workforce Investment Board is allowed to provide stand-alone summer youth employment components. The recommendation for funding in the proposed motion is due to Senate enacting language as well as recommendations by the Employment Training Administration to “use a significant portion of these funds to operate expanded summer youth employment opportunities”. The focus for the funds shall:

- **Require separate funding and participant tracking;**
- **Include Foster Youth;**
- **Include TANF Family Youth; and**
- **Serve youth throughout the County.**

The length of these funds shall be from February 17, 2009 through June 30, 2011.

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