

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 2/8/02

FROM: Operations Committee



For Action



For Information



Meeting Notes

SUBJECT: Request for Funds - Merced College (Westside)

PROPOSED MOTION(S): That the Youth Council consider a request for funds from Merced College, Los Banos Campus

DISCUSSION: Merced College hopes to establish an electronics program that can offer at least the first two levels of the CISCO certification program, as well as a variety of other electronics courses in demand by local and regional industry. Timelines for the project include offering additional classes in the fall of 2002, ordering equipment spring of 2002, and remodeling a classroom in the summer of 2002. The request is for \$66,000.

The inclination is not to enroll students who are WIA eligible, but Merced College indicates that since 45% of the total funds needed would be provided from WIA funds, 45% of the youth served will be certified as WIA eligible. There are currently about 30 students taking the existing electronics courses. Expansion of courses should more than double that number.

Under WIA Section 129(a), Use of Funds for Youth Activities, funds may be used to:

- a. To provide, to eligible youth seeking assistance in achieving academic and employment success, effective and comprehensive activities which shall include a variety of options for improving educational and skill competencies, and provide effective connection to employers (Sec 129(a)(1)), and**
- b. To provide opportunities for training to eligible youth (Sec 129(a)(2)).**

The Youth Council has approximately \$110,000 in its budget to support this request. There is also another request for \$10,335 from another agency.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A.