



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: County Administrative Office

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Program Year 2019-20 Title I Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Subgrant

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment 1) accepting Program Year 2019-20 Title I WIOA Subgrant, Registration Number AA011007, and delegating signature authority to the County Administrative Officer and Workforce Development Board (WDB) Executive Director;
2. Authorize and direct the Chair of the Board to sign two (2) copies of the Subgrant Agreement (Attachment 2);
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return two (2) signed originals of the Subgrant Agreement to the WDB Executive Director for submission to the state.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Formulary and discretionary funds granted through WIOA by the State of California Employment Development Department.

DISCUSSION:

WIOA was signed into law on July 22, 2014. The intent of WIOA is to provide workforce development activities through statewide and local systems that increase the employment, retention, and earnings of participants, and increase attainment of recognized credentials. Desirable outcomes include:

- Improvement in the quality of workforce;
- Reduction in welfare dependency;
- Increasing economic self-sufficiency by meeting the skill requirements of employers and enhancing productivity and competitiveness.

Your Board is the Chief Elected Official (CEO) for the Local Workforce Innovation Area, which is the County of Humboldt. As the CEO, your Board must approve receipt of these funds and adopt a resolution authorizing the Chair of the Board to sign the Subgrant Agreement before the funds can be utilized. Original signatures from the Chair of the Board must be obtained on two (2) copies of the

Subgrant Agreement (Attachment 2).

As the CEO, your Board appoints the Humboldt County Workforce Development Board (HCWDB), as required under WIOA, to provide oversight of Humboldt County's comprehensive workforce development system which consists of workforce education and training, workforce preparation services, and economic development. In addition, the HCWDB provides oversight to America's Job Center of California (locally known as "The Job Market") and sets policy for the local workforce development system. The HCWDB membership is comprised of business, labor union, and educational/vocational representatives.

The California Employment Development Department (CA-EDD) provides funding on an annual basis for WIOA programs. WIOA funds provide low-income adults, at-risk youth, and dislocated workers the opportunity to participate in training and/or educational programs in order to obtain employment. In addition, there are funds available to assist employers, and discretionary funds occasionally become available which support regional collaborative work. Funds are subcontracted out to multiple agencies to perform in a variety of ways as mandated by WIOA. Contractors include: Smart Business Resource Center operating the adult and dislocated worker programs; Redwood Community Action Agency, McKinleyville Family Resource Center, Redwood Community Action Agency, Dream Quest, and Mattole Restoration Council operating the youth services program; and the North Coast Small Business Development Center and Sequoia Personnel providing employer services. All WIOA funds received during the fiscal year are governed by the WIOA Subgrant Agreement. The initial funding allotted through this Subgrant Agreement is \$291,982 for youth services programs. As new allocations are announced, or new discretionary grants are approved, the additional funds will be unilaterally added throughout the year.

The signature delegation requested at this time reinforces and reiterates the delegation your Board has authorized since 2005 for these funds.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The initial amount of the Program Year 2019-20 WIOA Subgrant Agreement is \$291,982. This amount is the youth services formula funding which represents only a portion of the annual total of Humboldt County's formula funding allocation. There are additional rounds of funding that will be unilaterally added into the Subgrant Agreement throughout fiscal year 2019-20. These additional formula funds will be used to serve adult and dislocated workers, fund rapid response and layoff aversion events, and may also include discretionary funds that are occasionally made available from the state. It is estimated that approximately \$606,900 in additional funds will be added over the course of fiscal year 2019-20.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by supporting business, workforce development and creation of private-sector jobs .

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Smart Business Resource Center

Redwood Community Action Agency
Dream Quest
McKinleyville Family Resource Center
Mattole Restoration Council
Sequoia Personnel
North Coast Small Business Development Center

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Your Board could choose not to accept these funds. This alternative is not recommended because there is a substantial need in the county for these programs and regional work to continue.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution
Attachment 2: Subgrant Agreement

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-7
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