

County of Sonoma

Agenda Item Summary Report

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Meeting Date

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Agenda Item No: _____

Department: Human Services

4/5 Vote Required

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Board Date:

June 23, 2009

Deadline for Board Action:

June 23, 2009

AGENDA SHORT TITLE:

Youth Education & Employment Services and Youth Mentor Coordinator Programs

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

- A. Approve the Youth Education & Employment Services (YEES) program funding recommendations under the Workforce Investment Act. (\$567,684)
- B. Approve the Youth Mentor Coordinator funding recommendation in the amount of \$50,000 for services to be provided by Big Brothers Big Sisters of the North Bay.
- C. Authorize the Director of the Human Services Department, or her designee, to sign agreements for the 2009-2010 program year for Youth Education & Employment Services programs and the Youth Mentor Coordinator and to sign any future amendments that do not significantly change program content and do not increase overall funding.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

Estimated Cost	\$	000.00	Contingencies	\$	000.00
			(Fund Name:)		
Amount Budgeted	\$	000.00	Unanticipated Revenue	\$	000.00
			(Source: State of California)		
Other Available Approp. (Explain Below)	\$	000.00	Other Transfer(s)	\$	000.00
			(Source:)	\$	
Additional Requested:	\$	000.00	Total Source of Funds:	\$	000.00

Explanation (if required): Funds are included in the 2009-2010 Human Services Department budget. Source of funds for the YEES programs is the Workforce Investment Act (WIA); funding for the Youth Mentor Coordinator is from WIA, the Sonoma County Office of Education, and a grant from the Morgan Family Foundation. There is no cost to the County. All contracts contain a provision that funding is contingent upon receipt of grant funds.

Prior Board Action(s):

June 26, 2007 and June 24, 2008- Approved agreement renewals for the YEES Program

June 76, 2006 – Approved funding recommendations for the YEES Program

March 14, 2006 -Approved the program design, funding and services levels for the YEES program

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:

Non-approval would have an adverse affect on the Human Services Department’s ability to provide services to at-risk youth and impede the department’s ability to utilize federal and state resources.

Background: *Copies of the agreements are on file with the Clerk of the Board*

The Board of Supervisors is requested to approve the Youth Education & Employment Services (YEES) and Youth Mentor Coordinator funding recommendations and service levels and authorize the Director of the Human Services Department, or her designee, to sign YEES and Youth Mentor Coordinator agreements for the 2009-2010 program year and sign any future amendments that do not significantly change program content and do not increase overall funding.

Youth Education & Employment Services

The Youth Education & Employment Services program provides low-income youth and young adults with career preparation and educational support services to demonstrate the relationship between academic learning and workplace application, prepare youth to be citizens and leaders, and provide support services needed to reduce barriers to success in school and on the job.

On March 18, 2009 a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued for the YEES program. To ensure county-wide coverage, YEES services are provided in six regions, as shown in the chart below. Regions are determined according to school district boundaries and supervisorial districts.

There was no competition in five of the six regions. Two proposals were received for the Santa Rosa region – one from Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) and one from California Youth Outreach (CYO). The YEES Proposal Review Committee compared, reviewed, and rated these proposals, and recommended that funding be awarded to CYO, as it best met the criteria set forth in the RFP. The source of funds for the YEES program is the Workforce Investment Act. Funding and service levels for the six regions are shown below. These programs are paid for through federal funds, which will not be affected by the state budget crisis.

Region	Recommended Service Provider	Recommended Funding	Service Levels
North County	The Center for Social & Environmental Stewardship	\$94,614	25
Petaluma Area	Petaluma People Service Center	\$94,614	25
Santa Rosa Area	California Youth Outreach	\$94,614	30
Cotati-Rohnert Park	Sonoma County Adult & Youth Development	\$94,614	25
West County	West County Community Services	\$94,614	25
Sonoma Valley	Social Advocates for Youth	\$94,614	25
TOTALS		\$567,684	155

Attachments: None

On File With Clerk: Agreements

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote:

Youth Mentor Coordinator

The Board of Supervisors is also requested to approve the funding recommendation in the amount of \$50,000 for a Youth Mentor Coordinator to be provided by Big Brothers Big Sisters of the North Bay and authorize the Director of the Human Services Department, or her designee, to sign an agreement in that amount for the 2009- 2010 program year.

As a result of goals established by the Innovation Council in its strategic plan, with support from the Workforce Investment Board (WIB), a partnership was formed to fund a one year pilot to provide a county-wide Youth Mentor Coordinator position. The partnership consisted of the WIB and its Youth Council, the Innovation Council, and the Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE). Of the \$50,000 available to fund the position, \$30,000 is from the Workforce Investment Act, \$15,000 from a grant the Innovation Council received from the Morgan Family Foundation, and \$5,000 is from SCOE. This combination of federal and private funding will not be affected by the state budget crisis. The goal of the program is to make 50 new mentor matches in the one year period.

An RFP was issued for the Youth Mentor Coordinator on March 18, 2009, which resulted in the receipt of 4 proposals – from Big Brothers Big Sisters of the North Bay (BBBS), Community Action Partnership, Hope Works, and Kawahara and Associates. The proposal review committee compared, reviewed, and rated these proposals. Of the four proposals reviewed, Big Brothers Big Sisters was the most comprehensive and offered a collaboration with several mentoring programs throughout the county; therefore the review committee recommended that funding be awarded to BBBS.

Recommendation:

The Board of Supervisors is requested to approve the Youth Education & Employment Services (YEES) funding recommendations and service levels and authorize the Director of the Human Services Department, or her designee, to sign agreements for the 2009-2010 program year for the YEES programs and to sign any future amendments that do not significantly change program content and do not increase overall funding.

The Board is also requested to approve the Youth Mentor Coordinator funding recommendation and authorize the Director of the Human Services Department, or her designee, to sign an agreement with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the North Bay for the 2009-2010 program year and to sign any future amendments that do not significantly change program content and do not increase overall funding.