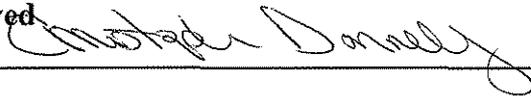


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Memorandum

TO: work2future Youth Council Committee
FROM: Angela Cipperly, Youth Program Manager
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Summer Jobs Extension & Green Corps Program
DATE: September 29, 2009

Approved



Date

9/24/09

RECOMMENDATION

Youth Council Committee (YCC) approval of funding for the extension of the Summer Jobs for Youth Work Experience Program and a Green Corps program previously approved by work2future Board at it June 2009 meeting.

- Work Experience and Leadership Development (WELD) program; an extension of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funded Summer Jobs for Youth Work Experience Program which will serve 160 currently enrolled youth 19-24 with funding in an amount not to exceed \$1.675 million.
- Green Corps will enable 50 youth ages 18-24 to learn about clean and green jobs, with funding in an amount not to exceed \$600K that will include \$225K ARRA youth funds.

ANALYSIS

These programs enable work2future to meet the ARRA guidelines to provide meaningful work experience opportunities linked to leadership and work readiness development to WIA eligible youth, and to meet the federal guidance to expend the ARRA youth funds within the summer or extended summer as defined by the waiver granted to the State of California extending the Summer Jobs period for work experience programs to March 31, 2010. The proposed programs are in direct response to work2future's Board of Directors and Youth Council Committee recommendations, to enhance youth in other activities past the summer program. In addition, youth will be encouraged to sign up with current youth providers or to take advantage of Adult program services.

Specifically, WELD will provide the youth with intensive leadership development linked to work experience from October 2009 -- March 31, 2010. Participants will be selected from Summer Jobs for Youth Work Experience Program completers who demonstrated outstanding qualities as reflected by worksite supervisor evaluations and improved work readiness. Work

experience sites will be with municipalities, schools, colleges, nonprofits and some for-profit organizations.

The Green Corps program will provide selected youth participants the opportunity to work with clean and green partners to develop basic knowledge about the new clean and green aspects of the economy and labor force, youth will participate with partners such as Our City Forest to plant and maintain trees, serve as green advocates in the community, cooperate with other conservations organizations to sustain locally grown foods, complete internships with clean and green companies and organizations, learn about weatherization and assist housing programs such as Habitat for Humanity and programs that recycle such as Goodwill. In addition, youth will participate in multiple clean and green service projects in coordination with area organizations, municipalities, schools and colleges. At the end of their participation, each youth will have a broader knowledge of clean and green labor force and be knowledgeable of how to reduce greenhouse gases and improve energy efficiency while also becoming more employable and encouraged to enroll in other WIA services of enter into post secondary education. work2future will be collaborating with San Jose Evergreen College, Workforce Institute who was funded for a Green Corps grant from the Governors ARRA discretionary grant this past June. Staffing for the Green Corps program to include four (4) temporary unclassified FTE positions. Funding for the Green Corps program was approved by the work2future Board at its June 18, 2009 meeting.

work2future staff recommends funding the following programs:

PROGRAM	FUNDING 09-10	# SERVED 09-10
Work Experience & Leadership Development	\$1,675,000	160
Green Corps	\$225,000	50


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