



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Social Services
Department No.: 044
For Agenda Of: April 11, 2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: 5 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Yes

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Daniel Nielson, Director, Social Services 681-4451
Director(s)
Contact Info: Raymond McDonald, Executive Director, Workforce Development Board 681-4446
SUBJECT: Summary Report and Plan for the Santa Barbara Connect to Careers Summer Youth Employment Program

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors receive and file this report on the *2016 Connect to Careers Summer Youth Employment Program*.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda as an informational item to summarize the outcomes and outline the future plan for the Santa Barbara *Connect to Careers Summer Youth Employment Program*, which was first developed and operated during the summer of 2016.

Background:

The Santa Barbara Connect to Careers was a pilot program created by a coalition of community leaders initiated by former County of Santa Barbara First District Supervisor, Salud Carbajal, in order to address the need of a summer jobs program for youth in our community.

The program design was for a privately-funded summer program, with the goal of providing summer jobs for youth, and to address Santa Barbara County's skills gap as well as the high youth unemployment rate. The objective was to provide qualified youth with paid "work experience" and mentoring opportunities with private sector employers within Santa Barbara County as well as local government agencies.

This project targeted high school age freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who were economically disadvantaged, and able to work for the summer, but who did not have to meet the stringent eligibility criteria of the publicly-funded Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act. Funding for the project was envisioned to be from donations provided by the private-for-profit business community (and government departments).

Discussion:

A total of 70 youth applied to be part of the 2016 *Connect to Careers Summer Youth Employment Program*. Based on the donations received, a total of 22 youth were placed at private and public sector worksites around the county. The total donation amount received was \$37,360.26. The average gross earning per youth was \$1,546 for the summer and the average number of hours worked was 154 hours.

In order to serve more youth for the upcoming years, the Workforce Development Board staff is currently working on restructuring of the project design. We anticipate a re-launch of a privately supported summer jobs project in the summer of 2018. For the summer of 2017 the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth Program* will be offered county-wide, in addition to the Santa Maria-only *Summer Jobs and Beyond: Career Pathways for Youth Project* (CPY Project), which is funded by a U.S. Department of Labor special grant.

Performance Measure: Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: N/A

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Key Contract Risks:

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Upon approval, please send one copy of the minute order to Stephanie Fodor via email to s.fodor@sbcsocialserv.org.

Attachments:

End of Year Report for Summer Careers Program

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