



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: 3/20/18
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director
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SUBJECT: Amend Resolution for Authorization to Accept and Apply for Workforce
Innovation and Opportunity Act Funds

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: Select_Concurrence

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Amend Resolution No. 03-164 to update the repeal in legislation from the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for the acceptance of subgrants for the Workforce Investment Act Program and to authorize the Workforce Development Board Executive Director to apply for discretionary Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and other workforce-related funding; and
- b) Determine that the approval of the recommended action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b) (5), since the recommended action is a government administrative activity which does not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to amend the current Resolution (No. 03-164) to update the repeal in legislation from the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 for the acceptance of subgrants for the WIA Program and to authorize

the Workforce Development Board (WDB) Executive Director to apply for discretionary WIOA and other workforce-related funding.

Background:

On July 24, 2014, President Obama signed into law the WIOA which replaced WIA. The WIOA is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market and to match employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy. Both the WIA and WIOA legislation created a publicly-funded workforce system across the nation via public/private partnerships. In Santa Barbara, the Public Partner is the County of Santa Barbara and the Private Partner is the WDB, with each partner having legislatively-mandated responsibilities. In addition, the federal legislation requires an Executive Director of the WDB to foster the collaboration between the County and WDB and to manage the day-to-day management responsibilities of the workforce system.

WIOA is intended to build upon the successes and lessons learned from WIA which was in existence for more than fifteen years and to review, renew, and revitalize the current systems and structures. The key elements of WIOA are: systems alignment (between workforce, economic vitality, community colleges, and the private sector), industry sector strategies, multiple-county regional collaboration, smaller and more strategic WDBs, and continuous improvement of the delivery system.

The WIOA program is administered by the Department of Social Services. Allocations for this program are received in the form of subgrants for Adult, Dislocated and Youth services. Each subgrant is subject to an administrative process mandated by the State of California before funds will be issued. This process includes submitting a copy of a resolution from the Board of Supervisors indicating the duly authorized signatories, facilitating the subgrant process, and expediting the distribution of funds to the WIOA program.

The current resolution requires update as it references WIA which was repealed and is now WIOA.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no fiscal impacts for the submittal of an application for WIOA or workforce-related funds.

Key Contract Risks:

None

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

0

FTEs:

0

Special Instructions:

Please scan and send two (2) duplicate original Resolution, and a copy of the minute order to:
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Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 – Resolution – WIOA Subgrants

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