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Memorandum

TO: work2future Finance Committee

FROM: Joy Salandanan, Supervising Accountant

SUBJECT: **New Grant Awards for FY 2009-2010 and related Spending Plan**

DATE: March 10, 2010

Approved Christopher Donnelly **Date** 3/3/10

RECOMMENDATION

Finance Committee approval to accept new grant awards received for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-2010 and related spending plan, as follows:

- $902,329 State Employment Development Department (EDD) grant award distribution of Workforce Investment Act (WIA)/American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant 25-Percent Dislocated Worker funding for Rapid Response and training activities;
- $99,072 EDD ARRA grant for a Disability Program Navigator and Assistive Technology equipment;
- $88,472 EDD grant award for California New Start program; and
- $40,000 ARRA grant award from Workforce Institute to provide outreach services for its Greater South Bay Green Job Corps program.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee will be forwarded to the Board for its meeting of March 18, 2010.

BACKGROUND

In April 2009, EDD distributed the first half of the allotments for formula and Rapid Response portions of both the WIA and ARRA Dislocated Worker to each of the 49 Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIAs). The current California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB) policy specifies that 50% of the funds are to be allocated based on a formula for providing Rapid Response activities and competitively solicited projects. The remainder of these funds is retained at the State level to provide Additional Assistance grants through an application process.

In January 2010, the CWIB adopted a temporary policy permitting the allocation of the remaining half of the WIA/ARRA 25-Percent Dislocated Worker funds on a formula allocation basis to each LWIA. These funds are apportioned from the WIA Dislocated Worker 25-Percent funding stream and cannot be transferred to another fund category, e.g., adult funding. The total funding for work2future is $902,329. The grant period ends June 30, 2011.

In February 2010, work2future received notification that EDD had released an ARRA grant in the amount of $89,704 for a Disability Program Navigator and a $9,368 grant for Assistive Technology equipment. The total award for work2future is $99,072. The grant period ends June 30, 2011.

In addition, work2future received additional funding of $88,472 from EDD to fund the California New Start Prison-to-Employment program to augment the first funding received in July 2009. To date, total funding received for this grant is $138,741. The funds will be used to improve the vocational aptitude of ex-offenders to increase the likelihood that they will secure employment after release from prison. The grant period ends September 10, 2010.

On March 1, 2010, the California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB) informed local workforce boards of the possibility of rescinding the additional funding for the California New Start to Prison-to-Employment program due to lack of spending. If the rescission takes effect, work2future will only have the first allocation of $50,269 to operate the CA New Start program and will use the funding solely for training and supportive services.

Furthermore, work2future received a grant award from Workforce Institute (WI) for $40,000 as part the ARRA grant award WI received from the State of California in the amount of $937,873 for its Greater South Bay Green Jobs Corps program (GSBGJCP) to provide technical training in the emerging green jobs market to at-risk youth from Santa Clara, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties. work2future is partnering with WI to provide a part-time staff to perform outreach and referral services to assist WI meet their enrollment goals. The grant period is through March 31, 2011.

ANALYSIS / BUDGET IMPACT

In May 2009, the State distributed the formula and Rapid Response portions of both the WIA and ARRA Dislocated Worker allotments. However, local communities continue to experience significant increases in the numbers of Dislocated Workers seeking services due to California's rapidly changing economy, while ARRA Dislocated Worker funds remain available at the State level.

The ARRA guidance stipulates that the funds are to be used in the most expeditious manner possible in order to substantially increase the number of customers served and trained, and that training Dislocated Workers will be a significant area of focus. work2future proposes to use 100% of the ARRA 25-Percent Dislocated Worker funding towards training services of dislocated worker participants. The ARRA 25-Percent Dislocated Worker funding applies through June 30, 2011.

The California New Start program will use approximately $57,000 of the grant award towards funding a new temporary staff position with primary responsibility for running the program at the Parkmoor One Stop Center to serve the parolee population with appropriate core and intensive services, such as job search seminars, employment and supportive services referrals, job development workshops, and job-retention follow-up. The remaining $81,741 will be applied towards training and supportive services for eligible participants and operating costs such as supplies, printing, mileage, utilities, etc.

The $89,704 grant award for a Disability Program Navigator will fund a temporary unclassified position that will be responsible to increase disability awareness, including development of policies and procedures to outreach to other community-based organizations and agencies that work with the disabled population. The additional funding of $9,368 will be used to provide staff training and purchase Assistive Technology equipment.

The $40,000 Green Corps Program grant award from Workforce Institute will be used to fund one part-time Program Navigator to provide outreach for the program and refer eligible clients to Workforce Institute.

The tables below show the spending plan for the new grants received by work2future:

WIA/ARRA grant 25-Percent Dislocated Worker

Funding Award	$902,329
Spending Plan:	
Client Related Services:	
Training Services	$902,329

CA New Start Program

Funding Award	$138,741
Spending Plan:	
Client Related Services:	
Staff (Temporary Unclassified)	$57,000
Training and Supportive Services	$70,341
Others (supplies, printing, mileage, etc.)	$11,400
Total	$138,741

ARRA Disability Navigator

Funding Award	$99,072
Spending Plan:	
Client Related Services:	
Staff (Temporary Unclassified)	$89,704
Assistive Technology Equipment	$9,368
Total	$99,072

WI Green Corps Program

Funding Award	$40,000
Spending Plan:	
Staff (Temporary Unclassified)	$40,000

Total Spending Plan: $1,180,142

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