



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 6/6/2017

The allocation of U.S. Department of Labor Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and other federal funds to service providers based on the Request for Proposals (RFP) process for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

Introduction/Background:

Pima County receives funds from the U.S. Department of Labor and other federal sources, including the Health Professional Opportunity Grant, to be used for workforce development services for eligible disconnected youth, adults, and dislocated workers. A Request for Proposal (RFP) process was conducted by the Workforce Investment Board in 2016 to recommend agencies to provide workforce development services for Pima County job seekers. This will be the second year of contracting under that RFP. Each agency (Awardee) will provide employment, training services and basic education by assisting with intake/assessment and career case management services for Pima County eligible adults, dislocated workers, and/or youth job seekers. These are considered subrecipient contracts.

Discussion:

As a result of the RFP, there will be seven agencies in the FY2018 workforce program. Agencies will be acting as part of the overall One-Stop (Arizona@Work) program. Agencies are funded for target populations and activities based on their proposals. Agencies submit monthly reports, which are reviewed on a bi-monthly basis by the Workforce Investment Board's Performance Committee.

The staff at agency each must work within the guidelines of WIOA to help enrolled participants develop a career plan, obtain basic education/GED preparation, attend vocational training, and get a job. Agency staff may access grant-funded vouchers from the County to pay for vocational training for job seekers. They may access additional resources to help job seekers overcome barriers to getting a job.

Conclusion:

County has conducted a RFP to obtain agencies to participate in the development of federally funded workforce services through its One Stop system and has agency performance reviewed by its Performance Committee. The use of contracted agencies provides additional points of entry into the system while capitalizing on local expertise in working with local job seekers.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the attached list of agencies with federal funding in the amount of \$3,084,068.50 to fund the Workforce Development Program and authorize the Chair of the Board to sign subrecipient contracts with each of the organizations listed.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Board of Supervisor District:

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**Pima County Community Services, Employment and Training
Workforce Development Services**

Funding Recommendations for July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

RFP-CSET-WFS-2016-06 – One Stop operations services for eligible participants in the Pima County ARIZONA@WORK system programs.

Agency	Recommended Funding Amounts
Catholic Community Services, Inc. <i>dba</i> Community Outreach Program for the Deaf	\$95,858.00
DK Advocates, Inc.	\$167,948.00
Goodwill Industries of Southern Arizona, Inc.	\$268,243.00
Portable, Practical Educational Preparation, Inc.	\$602,259.00
SER-Jobs for Progress of Southern Arizona, Inc.	\$782,182.00
Tucson Urban League, Inc.	\$404,407.00
Tucson Youth Development, Inc.	\$763,171.50