

COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #:

DATE: 7/21/22

SUBJECT: CAP Pre-Apprenticeship Program MT#18197

RECOMMENDATION: Ratify and Approve the Professional Services Agreement Template for use between HWS/CAP and the Selected Service Providers to Implement the Pre-Apprenticeship Program; All Districts. [\$512,400 - 100% CSBG Funding]

BACKGROUND: The Department of Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS), on behalf of its Community Action Partnership agency (CAP), has received Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) funding from the State of California, Community Services and Development (CSD) for its Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

On January 1, 2021, CAP issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), for Program Year 2022 - 2026 to solicit local small businesses to work with low-income youth throughout Riverside County to receive pre-employment and on-the-job training through CAP's Pre-Apprenticeship Program. The Pre-Apprenticeship Program addresses the employment needs of low-income youth by providing a workplace-mentoring and employment preparation program that matches high-school (Junior & Seniors) students with small businesses in their communities, up to a maximum of 520 work/training hours at prevailing minimum wage.

Twenty-five (25) local businesses responded to the RFQ and based on their qualifications and the current funding levels, only nine (9) were selected as Service Providers for the Pre-Apprenticeship Program: Advanced Weltec, Corona Norco United Way, Desert Best Friend's Closet, My Learning Studio, Jennifer Smart Foundation, Spirit Mountain Retreat, Escuela de la Raza Unida, Galilee Center, and Xenia Printing.

CAP has utilized CSBG funds in the past for the administration and operation of community-based programs designated to reduce poverty, revitalize low-income communities, and empower low-income families and individuals residing in Riverside County. One such program is the Pre-Apprenticeship Program, an after-school program that provides job training services to low-income youth that provides on-the-job, mentor-based focused, pre-apprenticeship training services.

CONTRACTING AND PRICE REASONABLENESS: N/A

COMMUNITY IMPACT/ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN: All Service Providers have prior experience working with CAP. These businesses are located throughout Riverside County and will offer youth the opportunity to work close to their homes. The program will positively impact numerous lives and create paths out of poverty for youth to move in a positive direction.

IMPACT ON CURRENT CAP OPERATIONS: The CSBG funding will provide \$512,400 in funds for partners and participants to carry out the day to day operations of the Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

<p>PE&F COMMITTEE REVIEW: Date: Approval: Yes/No</p> <p>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REVIEW: Date: Approval: Yes/No</p>	<p>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONCURRENCE</p> <p>Required: Yes/No</p>
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