Youth Council May 11, 2011

AGENDA ITEM NO: 5.1

ITEM: WIA YOUTH PY10/11 CARRYOVER FUNDS

ACTIONS REQUIRED: Direct current Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth Services provider to identify and execute subcontracts for WIA services to special populations of eligible youth.

SUMMARY NARRATIVE

The Fiscal Agent for the San Luis Obispo County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) anticipates a substantial carryover in PY 2010/11 WIA formula funds. A significant portion of PY2010/11 formula funds were unspent due to routine fiscal practices that charge PY09/10 allocations (first in, first out) before current year funds and guidance from the State to transfer PY2010/11 formula expenditures to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds in an effort to exhaust all remaining ARRA allocations.

As the current WIA youth services provider, Cuesta College submitted the lone proposal in response to the Request for Proposals that the County issued in its efforts to secure a variety of WIA service providers. As part of its proposal, Cuesta identified a range of community-based organizations with which it will partner, including Shoreline Workforce Development, Transitions- Mental Health Association, ILP, Life Bound Leadership, Housing Authority, The LINK, Boys & Girls Club, and the Community Counseling Center.

ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY COMMENTS

The Administrative Entity recommends that the Youth Council direct Cuesta College to pursue services to an expanded population of WIA eligible youth (ages 14-21) while simultaneously expanding the capacity of the local WIA youth services system via subcontracts with service providers funded with PY2010/11 formula funds. Additional funds are available in these targeted areas: \$60,000 for additional vocational support, \$40,000 for youth development and leadership, and \$40,000 for teen pregnancy/parenting programs.