



Legislation Details (With Board Report)

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Attachments: 1. Board Report, 2. 2023-25 RERP Agreement with WDBs, 3. Completed Board Order Item No. 43

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5/16/2023	1	Board of Supervisors		

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors, in its role as the Chief Elected Official of the Monterey County local workforce development area:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 mandated the identification of planning and service delivery regions comprised of local workforce development areas, and in 2020, the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) designated the local workforce development boards (WDBs) of Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito counties as the “North Central Coast Regional Planning Unit,” one of the 15 regional planning units within California. WIOA requires that regional planning units develop a regional plan, regional service delivery strategies, and regional administrative cost arrangements among its local areas.

MCWDB was designated by the CWDB as the fiscal agent for the North Central Coast Regional Planning Unit with the authority and obligation to administer regional grant coordination. The MCWDB’s Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships (RERP) initiative is funded through a \$1,150,000 State grant to support regional workforce development boards and community college partnerships and is intended to provide employment training for a variety of occupations.

If approved to be signed by the Chair, the \$999,500 RERP Agreement with the regional WDBs will cover case management, training, supportive services, certifications, and administration for the period between March 7, 2023 and October 31, 2025. The Agreement was approved by MCWDB at its meeting of March 23, 2023.

As part of a separate agreement, MCWDB will provide an additional \$80,000 for training administration services, at \$20,000 each, to the four community colleges in the region: Cabrillo, Gavilan, Hartnell, and Monterey Peninsula community colleges. MCWDB will also retain a total of \$70,500 for staff travel, regional meetings, and the services of the Regional Organizer.

MCWDB will additionally provide funding through a third RERP agreement for an amount not to exceed \$189,000, at \$4,500 per participant, to cover occupational training costs at Hartnell and Monterey Peninsula community colleges during the grant period.

RERP WDB Participant Goals:	MCWDB	SCCWDB	SBCWDB	TOTALS
Numbers to be Enrolled	49	49	23	121
Numbers to be Trained	42	32	16	90
RERP Amounts Allocated to WDBs:	MCWDB	SCCWDB	SBCWDB	TOTALS
Case Management @\$3,500 ea.	\$171,500	\$171,500	\$ 80,500	\$ 423,500
Training @ \$4,500 ea.	\$189,000	\$144,000	\$ 72,000	\$ 405,000
Supportive Services	\$ 6,400	\$ 6,400	\$ 3,200	\$ 16,000
Certifications	\$ 18,665	\$ 14,000	\$ 7,335	\$ 40,000
Administration Funds	\$ 97,365	\$ 12,000	\$ 5,635	\$ 115,000
Subtotals:	\$482,930	\$347,900	\$168,670	\$ 999,500
Staff Travel	\$ 1,500			\$ 1,500
Regional Meetings	\$ 4,500			\$ 4,500
Regional Organizer	\$ 64,500			\$ 64,500
RERP Admin. Amount to be Allocated to North Central Coast Region Community Colleges	\$ 80,000			\$ 80,000
Total RERP Allocations:	\$633,430	\$347,900	\$168,670	\$1,150,000

Participants will be recruited from the following target populations:

- English Language Learners
- Out of School Youth
- Immigrants
- Homeless and Housing Insecure
- Justice-Involved Individuals
- First Generation College Students
- Individuals with Disabilities
- Low Income Households
- Veterans
- Dislocated Workers

The Board is also requested to authorize the MCWDB's Executive Director to sign amendments to this Agreement of up to 10%, or \$99,950. Amendments to re-allocate funds which exceed 10% will be separately brought to the Board of Supervisors, in its role as Chief Elected Official of the Monterey County local workforce area, for consideration.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Parties to the Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships (RERP) Agreement with the regional WDBs were involved in its development. County Counsel reviewed the proposed Agreement as to form.

FINANCING:

There is no impact on the County General Fund. RERP funds will be used to fund the Agreement with the Santa Cruz and San Benito County WDBs; they are budgeted in Fund 021, Appropriations Unit CAO030, Dept. 1050, Unit 8478.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Approval of the Agreement with the WDBs of Santa Cruz and San Benito counties will assist to prepare RERP program participants to obtain credentials and employment in regional growth sectors, supporting the following Strategic Initiatives:

- √ Economic Development: Through collaboration, strengthen economic development to ensure a diversified and healthy economy.
- √ Administration: Promote an organization that practices efficient and effective resource management and is recognized for responsiveness, strong customer orientation, accountability and transparency.
- √ Health and Human Services: Improve health and quality of life through County supported policies, programs, and services; promoting access to equitable opportunities for healthy environments in collaboration with communities.

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ATTACHMENTS:

2023-25 RERP Agreement with San Benito County, and Santa Cruz County Workforce Development Boards