

**WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA)
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR KERN COUNTY
FOR IN-SCHOOL YOUTH ATTENDING COMMUNITY, CONTINUATION,
OR COURT SCHOOL
PROGRAM YEAR 2020-21**

**PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING
Monday, February 24, 2020, 1:30 p.m.**

Bill Stevenson, CAO Manager for the Administrative Division, conducted the Pre-Proposal Meeting for the Employers' Training Resource (ETR) Request for Proposals (RFP) for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) In-School Youth attending Community, Continuation, or Court School for Program Year (PY) 2020-21. Highlights are below.

- ❖ The 2020-21 funding amounts for our local workforce development area (Kern, Inyo and Mono Counties) are not available; however, we are hoping for about the same as the current year. We expect to have \$600,000 available through this RFP. This RFP is to serve WIOA-eligible In-School Youth attending Community, Continuation, or Court School.
- ❖ This RFP is not for the following: Out-of-School Youth, Farmworker, Adult, or Dislocated Worker programs, or Individual Training Account (ITA) providers. Vendors who wish to provide training will need to get on the State's Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL).
- ❖ Applicants must serve students attending Community, Continuation, or Court Schools, as defined by the California Department of Education (CDE).
 - Community School is a public school operated and administered by county offices of education to serve students who have been expelled from their regular schools, referred by a School Attendance Review Board or at the request of the student's parent or guardian, referred by probation, on probation or parole and are not in attendance in any school, or homeless;
 - Continuation School is an alternative high school program for students who are sixteen years of age or older, have not graduated from high school, are still required to attend school, and who are at risk of not graduating;
 - Court School provides public education for juveniles who are incarcerated in facilities run by county probation departments.

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Important Dates to Remember:

Proposals are due: Friday, March 13, 2020 before 3:00 p.m.

Notification of results: May 6, 2020 (tentative)

Workforce Development Board's Youth Committee Meeting: May 13, 2020

Workforce Development Board Meeting: May 27, 2020

Appeal Deadline: June 3, 2020

Contract Period: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Question 1.

Can the threshold documents be made available as a word document?

Answer: Threshold documents are available in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) on www.etronline.com. Original (“wet”) signatures on the threshold documents are required.

Question 2.

Can farmworkers be served under this RFP?

Answer: This RFP is for WIOA Youth funding and not for National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) funding, but being a farmworker does not preclude a youth from being served by a program under this RFP if the youth qualifies as a WIOA In-School Youth and is attending Community, Continuation, or Court school.

Question 3.

Is there only \$600,000 available through this RFP? Is it \$600,000 per agency or will the \$600,000 be allocated to multiple agencies?

Answer: We expect to have approximately \$600,000 available through this RFP. The \$600,000 will be allocated amongst the grantees based on program and budget presented in their proposals. ETR may issue additional RFPs to fill in gaps in services, to ensure compliance with WIOA, and/or expend any additional funds received under WIOA or from other funding sources.

Question 4.

Are agencies that have not received this type of funding in the past at a disadvantage in receiving funding under this RFP?

Answer: Applicants may be new or current WIOA providers, and each proposal will be evaluated on its own merit. For currently or previously funded agencies, evaluators will have access to performance data in CalJOBS, previous monitoring reports, and funding/expenditure history.

Question 5.

Will the RFP score be made available to agencies?

Answer: A program’s cumulative score will be communicated when funding recommendations are made to the Workforce Development Board’s Youth Committee on May 13, 2020 and the Workforce Development Board on May 27, 2020. A more detailed score may be requested by the agency after the Workforce Development Board meeting.

Question 6.**How many grantees will receive funding under this RFP?**

Answer: The number of grantees depends on a number of factors including the number of proposals, quality of proposed programs, and budgets of proposed programs. ETR anticipates funding approximately three to five programs through this RFP.

After the meeting ended, an agency asked the following questions:

Question 7.**Are Charter Schools eligible to apply for this RFP?**

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Additionally, students attending a charter school program that provides instruction exclusively in partnership with WIOA, federally-funded YouthBuild Programs, federal Job Corps training or instruction, California Conservation Corps, or a state certified local conservation corps (in alignment with EC Section 47612.1) are not considered In-School youth for WIOA eligibility purposes, and thus would not be eligible to be served under this RFP (WSD17-07: WIOA Youth Program Requirements).

Question 8.**Are Career Technical Education schools eligible to apply for this RFP?**

Answer: For this RFP, applicants must serve students attending Community, Continuation, or Court Schools, as defined by the California Department of Education (CDE):

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