## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD GENERAL BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021 AT 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 DATED MARCH 17, 2020, WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT

At this time, the Workforce Development Board (Board) is continuing to hold Board meetings to conduct essential business. Members of the public are encouraged to watch and participate electronically. Based on guidance from the California Department of Public Health, the Governor's Executive Order and Office, and the San Bernardino County Public Health Officer:

Workforce Development San Bernardino County is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: WDB General Board Meeting
Time: Apr 14, 2021 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89296651548?pwd=TFVUSIVIQWNvWEtRTU5IZ1d3aUhtUT09

Meeting ID: 892 9665 1548
Passcode: 482321
One tap mobile
+16699006833,,89296651548#,,,,\*482321# US (San Jose)

Dial by your location +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 892 9665 1548 Passcode: 482321

Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kjuR82VCS

This agenda contains a brief description of each item of business to be considered at today's meeting. In accordance with the Brown Act, this meeting agenda is posted at least 72 hours prior to the regularly scheduled meeting on the Workforce Development Board website and on the official Workforce Development Board Bulletin Board outside of the Workforce Development Department Administration Office at 290 North D Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415. The agenda, its supporting documents and all writings received by the Board related to these items are public records and available for review on the website or **by emailing the Executive Secretary to the Board at** Devra.Bell@wdd.sbcounty.gov prior to, or after, the meeting.

The agenda and its supporting documents can be viewed online at <a href="www.sbcounty.gov/workforce">www.sbcounty.gov/workforce</a> However, the online Agenda may not include all available supporting documents nor the most current version of documents. Items listed on the Consent Calendar are expected to be routine and non-controversial and, unless the Board directs that an item be held for further discussion, the entire Consent Calendar will be acted upon as the first item of business on the Discussion Calendar. Members of the public may address the Board on any item on the agenda and on any matter that is within the Board's jurisdiction. To address the Board regarding an item that is on the agenda, please email the Executive Secretary to the Board prior to the meeting at <a href="mailto:Devra.Bell@wdd.sbcounty.gov">Devra.Bell@wdd.sbcounty.gov</a>. Up to three minutes of the comments will be read into the record by the Executive Secretary to the Board.

#### **Conflict of Interest Advisement**

WDB members please be advised: If an item on the Agenda relates to the provision of services by you, your immediate family, the entity you represent, or any person who has made \$250 in campaign contributions to you during the last twelve months, or if approval or disapproval of an Agenda item would have a foreseeable material effect on an economic interest of you, your immediate family, or the entity you represent, then please follow these procedures:

"When the Agenda item is first introduced, please immediately announce that you are recusing yourself from participating in the agenda item, and then refrain from discussing, voting on, or otherwise influencing the Board's consideration of the Agenda item."

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD GENERAL BOARD MEETING

#### AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021 AT 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

## **OPENING**

- 1) Chair Call Meeting to Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Introductions (Roll Call)

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

4) Comments from the General Public in Attendance

#### **CONSENT AGENDA (Roll Call Vote)**

5) Approval of Minutes from February 17, 2021 General Board Meeting

## **DISCUSSION (Roll Call Vote)**

- 6) Approval of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act San Bernardino County Local Plan and Inland Empire Regional Plan for Program Years 2021 2024
- 7) Approval of the Workforce Development Board Budget FY 21/22
- 8) Approve the Recommendation of the Youth Committee, to approve Amendment No. 1 to the following contracts, increasing the total aggregate contract amount by \$3,800,000, from \$13,548,500 to \$17,348,500 for academic enhancement, employment skills, and training services for eligible youth participants under Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), and extend the contract period by one year from June 15, 2018 through June 30, 2022:
  - Apple Valley Unified School District
  - California Association of Health & Education Linked Professions
  - Career Institute
  - Chino Valley Unified School District
  - Colton Redlands Yucaipa ROP
  - El Proyecto Del Barrio, Inc.
  - First Institute Training and Management Inc.
  - Goodwill Industries Southern California
  - Hesperia Unified School District
  - Pathways Management Group, Inc.
- 9) Approval of Amendment No. 3 to the Memorandum of Understanding with Riverside County for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Inland Empire Regional Planning Unit to extend the original term by five years from April 3, 2018 through June 30, 2026, and to delegate certain authorities to the Workforce Development Department Director.

#### **PRESENTATION**

- 10) Labor Market Information
  - Presented by: University of California, Riverside, Center for Economic Forecasting & Development

#### REPORTS AND INFORMATION

- 11) Committee Updates
- 12) Committee Goals
- 13) East Valley AJCC Office Updates
- 14) County Report
- 15) Chairman's Updates

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

In conformity with Government Code section 54957.5, any writing that is a public record, that relates to an item listed on the Agenda, and that will be distributed to all or a majority of the Board less than 72-hours prior to this meeting (or is distributed at this meeting), will be available for public inspection at the time the writing is distributed. This inspection may be made at the office of the Workforce Development Department, 290 North "D" Street, 6th Floor, San Bernardino, California 92415-0041, or during this meeting.

The Workforce Development Board meeting facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. If assistive listening devices or other auxiliary aids or services are needed in order to participate in the public meeting, requests should be made through the Board Secretary at least three (3) business days prior to the Board meeting. The Board Secretary's telephone number is (909) 387-9886 and the office is located at 290 North "D" Street, 6th Floor, San Bernardino, California 92415-0041. California Relay Service 711

This WIOA Title –I financially assisted program or activity is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aides and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

MEETING DATE: April 14, 2021

ITEM: (4)

**SUBJECT:** Minutes from February 17, 2021 Workforce Development Board

**General Meeting** 

PRESENTED BY: Marlena Sessions, Executive Director

Workforce Development Department (WDD)

CONSENT X DISCUSSION INFORMATION

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Minutes from February 17, 2021 Workforce Development Board

General Meeting

**BACKGROUND:** See attached minutes

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD GENERAL BOARD MEETING

THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 DATED MARCH 17, 2020, WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

## **ATTENDANCE:**

Members				S	Staff to WDB	
	Present		Present			Preser
Phil Cothran (Chair)	Х	Lowell King	Х		Devra Bell	X
Will Sterling (Vice- Chair)	Х	Scott Kuethen			Sophie Akins	Х
B.J. Patterson (Second Vice-Chair)	Х	Louie Lopez			Marlena Sessions	Х
Orlando Acevedo	X	Robert Loeun	X			
Cinnamon Alvarez	Х	Dale Marsden	Х			
Ken Boshart		Lina Montes				
Ricardo Cisneros	Х	Henry Shannon				
Jimmy Elrod	Х	Shannon Shannon	Х			
Mike Gallo		Jonathan Weldy	Х			
Cherilyn Greenlee	Х					

## **OPENING**

- 1) Chair Call Meeting to Order at 9:02 AM
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance Lowell King led the Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Introductions The Board Secretary took roll call attendance.

The Chair, Phil Cothran, introduced new Board members Orlando Acevedo, Jimmy Elrod, Louie Lopez, Lina Montes and Shannon Shannon. The Board Secretary took roll call attendance.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

4) Comments from the General Public in Attendance

There were no public comment cards presented.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA (Roll Call Vote)**

#### 5) Approval of Minutes from December 16, 2020 General Board Meeting

The Chair provided asked for any discussion regarding the consent agenda. With no discussion, he requested a motion to approve the consent agenda. Lowell King motioned; Will Sterling seconded the motion.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (b)(2), a roll call vote was called as follows:

Phil Cothran, Chair: Aye Orlando Acevedo: Aye Cinnamon Alvarez: Ave Kenneth Boshart: Absent Ricardo Cisneros: Ave Jimmy Elrod: Ave Mike Gallo: Absent Cherilyn Greenlee: Aye Lowell King: Aye Scott Kuethen: Absent Louie Lopez: Absent Robert Loeun: Ave Dale Marsden: Ave Lina Montes: Absent B.J. Patterson: Aye Henry Shannon: Absent Shannon Shannon: Ave Will Sterling: Aye

Jonathan Weldy: Aye

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### 6) Approve Contract with California Steel for Incumbent Worker Training Welder Program

Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Marlena Sessions introduced Curtis Compton, who provided an overview of the program. He noted the program will include 12 trainees, who will train for 540 hours to learn welding. The students receive full pay and benefits during the training and will be eligible to take a certification test, once their training is completed. The Chair requested a motion to approve. B.J. Patterson motioned; Will Sterling seconded the motion.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (b)(2), a roll call vote was called as follows:

Phil Cothran, Chair: Aye Orlando Acevedo: Aye Cinnamon Alvarez: Aye Kenneth Boshart: Absent Ricardo Cisneros: Aye Jimmy Elrod: Aye Mike Gallo: Absent
Cherilyn Greenlee: Aye
Lowell King: Aye
Scott Kuethen: Absent
Louie Lopez: Absent
Robert Loeun: Aye
Dale Marsden: Aye
Lina Montes: Absent
B.J. Patterson: Aye
Henry Shannon: Absent
Shannon Shannon: Aye

Will Sterling: Aye Jonathan Weldy: Aye

Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.

# 7) Approval of Local Workforce Area Designation and Local Board Recertification Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

Brad Gates provided an overview of the item. The Chair requested a motion to approve. Dale Marsden motioned; Jimmy Elrod seconded the motion.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (b)(2), a roll call vote was called as follows:

Phil Cothran, Chair: Aye
Orlando Acevedo: Aye
Cinnamon Alvarez: Aye
Kenneth Boshart: Absent
Ricardo Cisneros: Aye
Jimmy Elrod: Aye
Mike Gallo: Absent
Cherilyn Greenlee: Aye
Lowell King: Aye

Scott Kuethen: Absent Louie Lopez: Absent Robert Loeun: Aye Dale Marsden: Aye Lina Montes: Absent B.J. Patterson: Aye Henry Shannon: Absent Shannon Shannon: Aye

Will Sterling: Aye Jonathan Weldy: Aye

Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **PRESENTATION**

#### 8) Regional & Local Plan Summary

The Chair introduced Marlena Sessions, who provided an overview. She then introduced Mariann Johnson, who reviewed a PowerPoint presentation. Topics presented included the stakeholder/planning process; results from the regional and local goals discussions; and the next steps in the process. The Board members were very impressed with the work that had gone into this process and complimented the consulting firm and our staff that were involved in this process.

## 9) Workforce Board Development

The Chair introduced Marlena Sessions, who provided an overview for this training. She then introduced Sophie Akins, County Counsel, who reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and discussed Brown Act; meeting protocols; and social media rules.

#### **REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

## 10) Committee Updates

- EDBR Committee: Cinnamon Alvarez discussed her new appointment as the Chair of the
  committee. She discussed the approval of the manufacturing consultant at the last
  meeting; reviewing the committee goals that were approved by the previous Chair and
  ensure they are in alignment with our local/regional goals; and she provided an invitation
  to the new Board members to determine if they are interested in joining the committee.
- Finance Committee: Will Sterling reported on the search for a provider that can provide us with a Return on Investment report. He also noted the 3/10 Finance Committee meeting will be postponed to 3/17 and will include the annual Budget Workshop.
- Special Populations: Jonathan Weldy welcomed the new Board members and reported on the goals previously established. He plans to discuss the attributes of those goals at the next meeting.
- Youth Committee: B.J. Patterson reported that the committee is working on finalizing their
  goals and would like to discuss regional initiatives at the next meeting. He would also like
  to increase services to Foster Youth and assist the unemployed high school graduates in
  finding employment.
- AJCC Ad Hoc Committee: Marlena Sessions provide the update for Scott Kuethen, who
  was unable to attend the meeting. She discussed that we are in the process of scheduling
  the next Ad Hoc meeting will be in March; reviewing processes and procedures at the
  AJCC offices; and determining what staff training and workshops would be beneficial.

#### 11) Dashboards

Gates reported on the various dashboard locations including Job Information/Industry Sector Dashboard, AJCC Services Dashboard and Youth Dashboard. The dashboards can be found on our website and the information is available at any time and updated, as information becomes available.

#### 12) County Report

Marlena Sessions provided several county updates, including:

- Upcoming RFP or Re-procurements for One Stop Operator and Communications Consultant
- Connection Sites request for information will be put out for review
- Partnership with the San Bernardino County Fire and their firefighter program. The next pilot will be a program for Veterans.
- National news: Relaunching RAWA and hoping it passes to provide workforce funding.
- Updated the members on those individuals at DOL who are changing positions.

The Board members discussed the weekly Friday reports and how much they enjoy receiving those updates.

#### 13) Chairman's Update

The Chair asked County Counsel to provide any updates she has heard about changes to the meeting format under the Brown Act, since the Governor's executive order came out last year. At this time, nothing has been decided and meetings will continue, until the Governor announces a change to that order.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Jimmy Elrod motioned; Orlando Acevedo seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM

The next meeting of the General Board is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 9:00 AM via Zoom Conference.

 Devra Bell, WDB Secretary	

MEETING DATE: April 14, 2021

ITEM: (6)

SUBJECT: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act San Bernardino County Local

Plan and Inland Empire Regional Plan for Program Years 2021 - 2024

PRESENTED BY: Marlena Sessions, Executive Director

Workforce Development Department (WDD)

CONSENT \_\_X \_\_\_ DISCUSSION\_\_\_\_ INFORMATION\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve and authorize the submittal of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program Years 2021-2024 San Bernardino County Local Plan and Inland Empire Regional Plan to the California Workforce Development Board.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2016, the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) designated Regional Planning Units comprised of Local Workforce Development Boards for the purpose of implementing regional activities under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The Inland Empire Regional Planning Unit (IERPU) includes the San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board (SBCWDB) and the Riverside County Workforce Development Board (RCWDB). The first IERPU regional plan was completed in 2016. A modification was done in 2018.

WIOA requires Local Workforce Development Boards to submit multi-year Local Plans for services in Workforce Development Areas (Local Area) and Regional Plans for Regional Planning Units (RPUs) to define strategies for workforce development that are responsive to the training needs of businesses, job seekers, and employees. The San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board's (WDB) Program Years 2021-2024 Local and Regional Plans are due to the CWDB no later than April 30, 2021.

While the Regional Plan outlines the implementation of the workforce development system at the regional level, the Local Plan describes the workforce system in the County and how to achieve the WDB's vision of Transforming Lives and Strengthening Business. The Local Plan was developed with focus on the vision while gathering input from partners and key stakeholders representing education, labor, economic development, community based organizations as well as customers, including job seekers, youth, and businesses. Partners, stakeholders and customers participated in a series of virtual stakeholder sessions. All sessions were held via Zoom and leveraged a collaborative whiteboard tool, Miro, to provide feedback and conduct assessment of local workforce activities as well as the workforce development system. Their input was used to develop the Local Plan.

SBCWDB and RCWDB will focus on collaborative strategies to be implemented across both Local Workforce Development areas (Local Area) to attain regional goals and objectives. Each Local Board will oversee operational alignment with the strategic objectives of the Regional Plan, and coordination with local partners to highlight key service-delivery strategies. The IERPU will work with partners across the region to ensure services are effectively meeting the needs of employers while transitioning residents to gainful employment, breaking cycles of poverty and increasing economic equity for long lasting prosperity. In addition the IERPU will develop a comprehensive response to COVID-19, to be part of the county culture of adaptiveness, flexibility and acceptance of change.

Consistent with State of California Employment Development Department (EDD) requirements, the Local and Regional Plans were made available for public review and comment for a 30-day period beginning March 8, 2021 through April 6, 2021. A public notice on how to access the plans for review and comments was posted on the WDB's website, social media platforms and web blasts were sent to stakeholders across the region announcing the availability of the plans and a link to provide

comments/feedback. Public comments received during the 30-day period that expressed disagreement with the plans will be submitted to the CWDB along with the plans.

The Regional and Local Plans demonstrate the WDB's commitment to the expansion of a comprehensive, coordinated system for providing workforce services to residents. The WDB envisions San Bernardino County and the Inland Empire region as a magnet, attracting residents and businesses because of the quality of life, availability of a strong workforce and high quality education that is unmatched across the nation. Efforts are strategically targeted, focused on San Bernardino County as a place where people are proud to live, work, and play and where businesses want to locate. The WDB believes this focus will result in transformed lives, stronger businesses and economic prosperity throughout the County and the region as a whole.

Upon approval of this recommendation, the local and regional plans will be submitted to the County Board of Supervisors on April 20, 2021 for consideration. Following BOS approval, the San Bernardino County Local Plan and Inland Empire Regional Plan will be submitted to the CWDB before the deadline of April 30, 2021.

MEETING DATE: April 14, 2021

ITEM: (7)

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget

PRESENTED BY: Marlena Sessions, Executive Director

Workforce Development Department

CONSENT \_\_\_\_ DISCUSSION X INFORMATION \_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Revenues for the proposed FY 2021-22 budget are projected to be \$28.78M, an increase from the current FY 2020-21 budget of \$2.84M. The increase is primarily due to additional carryover funds from the Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs, all of which experienced limited participation this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The proposed budget is designed to maximize expenditures in Direct Program and Training costs. Highlights of the budget include the following:

- \$500,000 for five new contracts with local business-serving organizations for the purpose of strengthening business connections and developing jobs for AJCC customers.
- \$350,000 for contracting with organizations that provide business consulting and workshops for the purpose of layoff aversion and retaining businesses.
- \$2.7 million Budgeted for On-the-Job training contracts, supporting businesses and training opportunities for residents.
- \$4 million Budgeted for Occupational Training services for residents.
- \$482,000 Budgeted for Supportive Services to assist residents seeking employment or training opportunities.
- Over \$4 million budgeted for serving at-risk youth with employment and higher education services.
- \$5.3 million Budgeted for paid work experience opportunities for customers who are enrolled in CalWorks or CalFresh programs.
- \$1.3 million Budgeted for serving justice involved individuals through the P2E partnership with Riverside County.
- \$280,000 for workforce services in the Day Reporting Centers in partnership with the Probation Department.
- Over \$200,000 for workforce services in the County Jails, in partnership with the Sheriff's Department Inmate Services Unit.
- Reduction of 17 vacant budgeted positions resulting in net S&B savings of \$678,000.
- Reserves of nearly \$900,000 to account for any unanticipated revenue variations from the federal government.

For further detail, a budget summary of revenues and expenditures is attached to this item. Upon approval of this item, the budget will be submitted to the County Administrative Office for inclusion in the Countywide budget which will be adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 8, 2021.

MEETING DATE:	April 14, 2021
ITEM:	(8)
SUBJECT:	Youth Provider Contract Amendments for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth Program for Program Years 2021 through 2022
PRESENTED BY:	Bradley Gates, Assistant Director

Workforce Development Department

CONSENT \_\_\_\_ DISCUSSION\_X\_\_ INFORMATION\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the recommendation of the Youth Committee, to approve Amendment No. 1 to the following contracts, increasing the total aggregate contract amount by \$3,800,000, from \$13,548,500 to \$17,348,500 for academic enhancement, employment skills, and training services for eligible youth participants under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), and extend the contract period by one year from June 15, 2018 through June 30, 2022:

- 1. Apple Valley Unified School District
- 2. California Association of Health & Education Linked Professions
- 3. Career Institute
- 4. Chino Valley Unified School District
- 5. Colton Redlands Yucaipa Regional Occupational Program
- 6. El Proyecto
- 7. First Institute Training and Management Inc.
- 8. Goodwill Industries Southern California
- 9. Hesperia Unified School District
- 10. Pathways Management, Inc.
- 11. Youth Action Project

**BACKGROUND:** This action will allow the Workforce Development Department to serve a minimum of 665 at-risk youth through the above-named contractors. The contractors will continue to provide youth with occupational training, work experience, counseling, tutoring and supportive services in order to place youth in employment or higher education. In addition, the contractors are expected to provide the youth with follow-up services to ensure continued success utilizing the skills obtained during the prior year.

Following a competitive Request for Proposals process, on April 18, 2018, a Youth Ad Hoc Committee reviewed the funding recommendations for the agencies listed above, for the period of June 15, 2018 through June 30, 2021. On June 6, 2018, the Workforce Development Board reviewed the proposed contracts listed above and recommended San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors (Board) approval. On June 12, 2018 (Item No. 92), the Board approved contracts with the above eleven youth contractors.

On March 10, 2021, the Youth Committee made a recommendation to the Workforce Development Board to approve the extension of the youth contractors for one year, with a new total aggregate amount.

Approval of this item will allow for Amendment No. 1 to the contracts with the 11 above contractors to be presented to the Board on May 18, 2021 for its consideration and approval.

MEETING DATE: April 14, 2021

ITEM: (9)

**SUBJECT:** Amendment No. 3 to the Memorandum of Understanding with Riverside

County for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Inland Empire

Regional Planning Unit

PRESENTED BY: Marlena Sessions, Executive Director

Workforce Development Department

CONSENT \_\_\_\_ DISCUSSION\_\_X\_ INFORMATION\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Amendment No. 3 to the Memorandum of Understanding with Riverside County for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Inland Empire Regional Planning Unit, to include one additional California Workforce Development Board grant award in the amount of \$350,000 and extend the term of the MOU for five years from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2026.

**BACKGROUND:** The California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) designated Regional Planning Units made up of Local Workforce Development Boards for the purpose of implementing regional activities under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The Inland Empire Regional Planning Unit (IERPU) includes the San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board (WDB) and the Riverside County Workforce Development Board (RCWDB). On April 14, 2021, WDD will present the IERPU's Regional Plan for Program Years 2021–2024 to the WDB for approval, before submittal to the State.

Since the creation of the Regional Plan, the IERPU has been awarded nine grants by the CWDB for WIOA regional planning, plan implementation, staff and workforce board training, and expansion of industry sector strategies currently underway. Each pool of funds supports the work planned under the Regional Plan, and requires sharing of scope and funding with the other partner agency. In order to fund the collective activities of the IERPU, the CWDB awards the grants to either Riverside County or San Bernardino County as the administrative and fiscal lead.

On February 21, 2018, the WDB approved the development of the IERPU Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU serves as an umbrella agreement for regional funds. It allows for the sharing of current funds within the IERPU, regardless of the designated administrative lead and provides a mechanism by which future funds, within the perameters of the WIOA Regional Plan, can be shared in an efficient, streamlined manner. On April 3, 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved the MOU for a term of April 3, 2018 through June 30, 2021 to include seven regional grants.

On December 17, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved Amendment No. 1 to the MOU with Riverside County for the WIOA IERPU to include two additional CWDB grant awards.

On June 23, 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved Amendment No. 2 to the MOU with Riverside County for the WIOA IERPU to include one additional CWDB grant award and extend the term date to September 30, 2021.

Since that approval of IERPU MOU Amendment No. 2, one additional grant has been awarded as follows:

Subgrant Number	Description	Grant Administrative Lead	Grant Term	Total Grant Allotment
TBD	Regional Planning Implementation 4.0	San Bernardino County	4/01/2021 – 9/30/2022	\$350,000

Amendment No. 3 updates Exhibit A of the IERPU MOU to include the additional CWDB grant and subgrant agreements connected to the new grant and extends the current MOU term to June 30, 2026.

Contracts established with IERPU funds covered by the MOU will be appropriately presented to the WDB for guidance and approval. Regular updates regarding regional plan activities and any new CWDB grants will be presented quarterly to the IERPU Steering Committee and to the WDB.

Coordination between Riverside and San Bernardino County is vital to the utilization of the regional funding and leveraging of resources to the greatest effect to improve the workforce system in the Inland Empire. The IERPU MOU is critical to the success of the Regional Plan.

Approval of this item will amend the existing MOU to include one additional grant award and extend the term of the MOU five years, for a period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2026. Once approved, the amendment will be presented to the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors on April 20, 2021 for their approval.