

Santa Ana WIB/Youth Council – Round II Youth Programs RFP

Technical Assistance Conference Q&A's November 9, 2009

Attendees: The Bridge, KidWorks, Boys and Girls Club of Santa Ana, Pro Education Group, The Cambodian Family, OC Conservation Corps, OC Children's Therapeutic Arts Center, Taller San Jose, Templo Calvario.

- Q1. For youth that have graduated high school, could they be eligible under “lacking significant work history” and what are the age requirements?**
A. “Lacking significant work history” applies to youth that have not worked more than 4 consecutive months in the last 2 years, and are 19 to 21 years of age.
- Q2. Is your main target population 17-21 year old high school dropouts?**
A. High school dropouts are part of the target population. The target youth are 17-21 that have 1) dropped out of school or 2) graduated and are not attending any school or 3) are in college and are basic skills deficient.
- Q3. Do vocational schools fall under “Any School”?**
A. Yes, vocational schools fall under post-secondary education.
- Q4. The RFP requests letter of recommendation from non-WIA funders. What does the term non-WIA funders refer to?**
A. Non-WIA funders refers to agencies you have worked with that are not providing you with Workforce Investment Act funds.
- Q5. How often is funding released for new programs?**
A. At least one RFP is released annually. This year a second RFP was necessary to obligate unallocated funds. Generally providers must reapply every year.
- Q6. This request is for new programs. Is your yearly allocation used to fund the same programs each year and is this funding to obtain new providers?**
A. The funds for this RFP are funds identified as unallocated from 2008-2009 & 2009-2010.
- Q7. Wouldn't it be easier to expand the provider's current programs instead of having a new program?**
A. That is not the intent of the Youth Council. This round of funding is to bring in new providers or new programs to the YSPN. The committee did not want to allocate additional funds to current programs because they were already fully funded.

- Q8. On the Performance Goals chart on page 11, some of the benchmarks are set for the end of the third quarter after exit. Some of the goals would not be met during the calendar year. Is this correct?**
- A. Yes. The point is to work with the youth the entire year to prep them to meet the performance benchmarks. Most likely the majority of the goals will be met before the youth exit.
- Q9. When goals are set should they be set for after the youth exit the program?**
- A. No, goals should be set for what you think the program can achieve. The most important goal for out of school is employment.
- Q10. What is counted as a credential?**
- A. For a credential to be counted it must be from an accredited school or educational institution. Some examples include a HS Diploma, credentials from ROP, or Community Colleges.
- Q11. Does the funding begin in March?**
- A. That is the estimated start date.
- Q12. How long is the funding for?**
- A. Funding will be for one year.
- Q13. Does WIA uses demand occupations list for training?**
- A. Yes, vocational training providers must be on the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL).
- Q14. How is gang affiliation proved?**
- A. Self attestation would be sufficient for the gang affiliation barrier. Any other barriers would most likely need documented proof.
- Q15. In the RFP, is the term “emaciated youth” at the bottom of page 8 correct?**
- A. No, the correct term is “emancipated youth”.