

MEMORANDUM

TO: San Francisco Board of Supervisors

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DATE: July 14, 2020

RE: BOS File Nos. 200620, 200621, 200622, 200624 – Retroactive Accept and Expend Resolutions

BACKGROUND

San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) requests permission to accept and expend four, disaster and economic recovery, federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) grants from California Employment Development Department (CA EDD) as pass-through for the United States Department of Labor. OEWD is the local workforce administrator for federal WIOA funding and is responsible for applying for and overseeing implementation of federal WIOA funding in the local area of San Francisco. All four WIOA grants support dislocated workers who have been displaced by economic conditions related to COVID-19.

GRANT DETAIL

Grants under review include the WIOA National Dislocated Worker Grant for Employment Recovery (\$800,000), WIOA 25% Dislocated Worker Supportive Services (\$675,000), WIOA Rapid Response Program (\$452,659), and the WIOA 25% Dislocated Worker Emergency Additional Assistance (\$999,950). All accept and expends are retroactive due to administrative requirements and procedural efficiencies from the grantor to rapidly respond to the evolving economic crisis and recovery.

CA EDD released the competitive funding opportunities for the National Dislocated Worker Grant and Dislocated Worker Supportive Services with the intent to provide near-immediate support for workforce development activities in severely impacted local areas. OEWD applied for both grants in late March and mid-April, and received notice of award in late May. By early June, California Employment Development Division provided award details and distributed funding to local areas in advance of contract delivery. Upon receipt of award details, OEWD submitted requests to Accept and Expend to the Board of Supervisors. Program activities are ongoing.

Regarding the WIOA Rapid Response award, CA EDD awarded OEWD \$452,659 for employer and employee support during mass layoff events. This funding is typically available to local areas for two years. In the FY 2019-20 budget, OEWD appropriated \$259,237 for the Rapid Response program due to expectations of a sustained period of economic growth consistent with market conditions over the past several years. Due to the COVID-19 economic recovery and the need for additional capacity to respond to over 350 mass layoffs in the past four months, OEWD drew down the additional \$193,422 to spend the full \$452,659 awarded to OEWD for FY 2019-2020. Program activities are ongoing.

For the WIOA 25% Dislocated Worker Emergency Additional Assistance, the Governor sets aside 25% of state WIOA funding to respond to mass layoff events with training and supportive services. OEWD applied for Emergency Additional Assistance to support mass layoffs in the hospitality and trade show industries at the end of May. Similarly, CA EDD intended to release this funding quickly to rapidly retrain these impacted workers. Program activities are ongoing.

NEXT STEPS

OEWD requests that the Board of Supervisors retroactively approve the accept and expend legislation for these four emergency funding opportunities.

