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AGENDA DATE:

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Department of Youth Services

PRESENTED BY: Lisa Smith, Director
John Aarons, Casework Supervisor

AGENDA TITLE: IN THE MATTER OF authorizing Youth Services to develop and submit a grant application to the United States Department of Labor for Youthful Offender Registered Apprenticeship, Alternative Education, and Project Expansion Grants

I. MOTION

To authorize Youth Services developing and submitting a grant application to the United States Department of Labor for Youthful Offender Registered Apprenticeship, Alternative Education, and Project Expansion Grants in the amount of \$1,000,000 for 18 months.

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

Should Lane County apply for a grant through the U.S. Department of Labor for \$1,000,000 for 18 months to deliver apprenticeship and alternative education services to youthful offenders?

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background/Analysis

Youth Services has provided education and vocational training through the Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center for over 9 years. The vocational training has been limited to culinary arts, vet/med technician training and limited facilities maintenance training due to lack of resources. The Martin Luther King Jr. Education Center is a partnership between Youth Services, Lane Community College, Lane Educational Service District and Lane Workforce Partnership. The linkage with post secondary education remains weak due to resource limitations for both Youth Services and Lane Community College. In 2006-2007, over 160 high-risk, delinquent youth have been served through the Martin Luther King Jr. Education Center.

On May 2, 2007 the U.S. Department of Labor released a solicitation for grant applications for youthful offender registered apprenticeship and alternative education grants. They look to fund 6 sites for \$1,000,000 each for 18 months.

Grant applications are due May 31, 2007.

1. The match requirement for the grant is 20% of the requested amount and can be local, federal, state, in-kind or cash. This would not be difficult for Youth Services to meet given the Serbu Endowment and in-kind services offered by Youth Services, Lane Community College and Lane Educational Service District.
2. The grant will not require expenditures for materials and services or capital.
3. Grant funds will be fully expended before county funds need to be spent.
4. Youth Services administration will cover any of the administrative work required by the grant if the grant funds do not cover it.
5. All program partners are aware that the grant lasts for 18 months and are aware of the sunseting policy.
6. The accounting, auditing, and evaluation obligations are the same as those imposed by other grants that Youth Services has been awarded in the past and will not represent a great hardship for Youth Services.
7. Youth Services will provide the accounting requirements for the grant, if awarded. Auditing and evaluation obligations are provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor. Other accounting, personnel and auditing costs required by the county will be covered through indirect costs allocations.
8. Youth Services intends to apply for the full cost of indirect charges in the grant application.
9. There are no unusual or unique conditions that trigger additional county work effort, or liability, i.e., maintenance of effort requirements or supplanting prohibitions or indemnity obligations.
10. This grant application will not involve technology compatibility issues.
11. This application will not require new or enhanced computer applications/systems.
12. This is not an application for grant funded computer/software applications project.

B. Alternatives/Options

1. To approve the order authorizing Youth Services to develop and submit

a grant application to the Department of Labor for Youthful Offender Registered Apprenticeship and Alternative Education grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 to provide increased employment enhancement services to high-risk, delinquent youth in Lane County and delegate authority to the County Administrator to submit said application.

2. Not to approve the order and not provide increased employment enhancement services to high-risk, delinquent youth in Lane County.

C. Recommendation

To approve #1 above. This will allow Lane County to provide increased employment enhancement services in high growth fields to high-risk, delinquent youth in Lane County.

D. Timing

The grant announcement was made on May 2, 2007. The grant application is due May 31, 2007. Award decisions will be made sometime prior to October 1, 2007.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

Upon approval by the Board, Youth Services will develop and submit the grant application to the U.S. Department of Labor no later than May 31, 2007.

V. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION AND ORDER: IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING YOUTH SERVICES TO DEVELOP AND SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FOR YOUTHFUL OFFENDER REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP, ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION, AND PROJECT EXPANSION GRANTS

WHEREAS, Lane County Department of Youth Services provides education and vocational training to high-risk, delinquent youth through the Martin Luther King Jr. Education Center; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Labor is soliciting grant proposals for apprenticeship and alternative education services for youthful offenders in the amount of \$1,000,000 for 18 months; and

WHEREAS, Youth Services is currently offering limited education and employment training to high-risk, delinquent offenders and this grant opportunity could provide much more meaningful services to youth in high-growth industries and post secondary education; now therefore it is hereby

RESOLVED and ORDERED that the Board of County Commissioners authorize Youth Services to develop and submit an application to the U.S. Department of Labor for Youthful Offender Registered Apprenticeship, Alternative Education and Project Expansion Grants and delegate's authority to the County Administrator to sign the application.

DATED this _____ day of May, 2007.

Faye Stewart, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 5/22/07 lane county
[Signature]
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL