

TRANSMITTAL #2

MEMORANDUM

May 3, 2010

TO: Workforce Development Council

FROM: Roger B. Madsen, Director

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SUBJECT: 2010 Idaho Youth Corps funding

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve regional distribution for 2010 Summer Youth Program

BACKGROUND:

On February 24th the council approved transferring money from the Governors ARRA 15 percent Discretionary Funds to the ARRA WIA Youth program for Summer Youth Work Experiences. After the success of last year's Idaho Youth Corps, Governor Butch Otter asked state staff to reach out and establish partnerships to provide summer employment opportunities in 2010 for low-income, high-risk youth.

The department will transfer \$250,000 from ARRA 15 percent Discretionary Funds to the 2010 ARRA WIA Youth program. From that amount the department will prioritize \$50,000 to match \$120,000 that Boise District BLM, Panhandle National Forest, Clearwater/Nez Perce National Forest, Boise/Payette National Forest, Council School District and the city of Meridian have collectively committed for 2010 IYC.

In addition, there is \$19,000 left in the ARRA WIA Youth budget after all expenses have been paid from the 2009 program. The department proposes distributing the remaining \$200,000 of ARRA 15 percent Discretionary Funds plus the \$19,000 in unspent youth funds equally among the six regions of the state to help ensure each region has enough resources to conduct a viable IYC program.

With the \$250,000 in ARRA 15 percent Discretionary Funds, \$120,000 leveraged from partners and \$19,000 from ARRA Youth Funds, this will provide a total program budget of at least \$389,000 to provide 2010 summer work experiences for approximately 155 Idaho youth.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends reserving \$50,000 as match for the \$120,000 funds from other sources with an equal regional distribution of the remaining \$219,000 to support the 2010 IYC program.

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