

DATE: May 18, 2017

TO: Fresno City Council

FROM: Blake G. Konczal, Executive Director
Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board



SUBJECT: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Mandated Partner Memorandum of Understanding

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve and authorize the City Manager's Office to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) and National Council on Aging.

The recommended action allows the FRWDB to be in compliance with State and Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requirements.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The United States Congress passed the WIOA as an enhancement to the previous Workforce Investment Act (WIA). The WIOA was signed into law by President Barak Obama on July 22, 2014. The law took effect on July 1, 2015. There is a two (2)-year transition period, with full implementation required by July 1, 2017.

The WIOA mandates that certain Federal, State, and local agencies formally partner with local Workforce Development Boards at what is now known as "America's Jobs Centers of California" (AJCC). The AJCCs will provide clients easy access for specific employment-related services via referral between the partners, and provide opportunities to leverage resources from multiple sources, when it is deemed appropriate.

The mandated partners represent the follow areas of need, as mandated by the WIOA:

- State of California Employment Development Department
- Representatives of Community Services Block Grant Act
- Representatives for Older Americans
- Department of Rehabilitation
- Fresno County Department of Social Services
- Representatives of Adult Education
- Representatives of Section 212, Second Chance Act of 2007
- Representatives of Community Colleges
- Migrant Seasonal Farmworker Programs
- Native American Programs

Every five (5) years, the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) procures providers for the Senior Community Service Employment Program (Title 5, Older Americans Act).

On February 1, 2017, the National Council on Aging was selected by the USDOL to replace the AARP Foundation to carry out the Senior Community Service Employment Program in Fresno County.

The Partner MOU between the FRWDB and the AARP Foundation was previously approved by the City Council at its meeting on August 26, 2016.

This MOU formalizes the mandated partnership between the FRWDB and the National Council on Aging.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

There is no alternative action. If this item is not approved, WIOA funds will not be allocated to the City and County of Fresno for employment and training services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City associated with the recommended action.

IMPACTS ON JOB CREATION:

The recommended action will directly aid in job creation. This WIOA funding supports training and employment goals for many industry clusters, i.e., healthcare, manufacturing, construction and trades, logistics and distribution, automotive technology, information technology, renewable energy, agribusiness, and green technology.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, Public Law 113-128, 290 U.S.C. 3101, Section 121(c)(1)

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk:
MOU with National Council on Aging