



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: December 17, 2019

Subject: California Workforce Development Board Accelerator Fund

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, on behalf of the Workforce Development Board (WDB), to apply for and accept California Workforce Development Board Workforce Accelerator Fund 8.0 (WAF 8.0) funding in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 to support innovative strategies that bridge education and workforce gaps for people experiencing homelessness and housing instability in Contra Costa County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If awarded the Workforce Development Board (WDB) to receive an amount not to exceed \$150,000 in Federal WIOA funding (CFDA #17.258). A one-to-one cash or in-kind match is required. The WDB will cover a percentage of this match and partner organizations will contribute additional match resources.

BACKGROUND:

In April 2014, the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) and Employment Development Department established the Workforce Accelerator Fund (Accelerator) as a new model of funding innovation in California's workforce system. Since April 2014, just

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **12/17/2019** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: December 17, 2019

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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over \$25 million has been invested, resulting in over 151 projects across the state. To learn more about the Workforce

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Accelerator Fund, you can view “Accelerator at a Glance” and Accelerator materials library on the CWDB website. Accelerator 8.0 will focus on projects that create partnerships and prototype innovative strategies, bridge education and workforce gaps for people experiencing homelessness and housing instability, and that implement promising models and practices in the workforce service delivery infrastructure.

While employment alone cannot address the housing shortage facing California, it can be part of the strategy to improve outcomes for people who are living in precarious conditions. The goal of this initiative is to seed innovative thinking, expand partnerships, and generate cross system collaboration to address the barriers to employment faced by people experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Workforce Development Board would not receive funding that could strategically support the efforts in Contra Costa County to address homelessness.