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## AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) WORKFORCE / JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS

### INFORMATION SESSIONS Q&A

October 6, 2022 – 10:00AM and 2:00PM

1. My non-profit organization focuses on deaf, hard of hearing and the deaf & blind community. We assist in job placement, reading English/document translations as American Sign Language (ASL). Strategy C model requires bidders to include “Vocational English as a Second Language”. Are we required to teach speech in English as well for this proposal?

A: We do want to cover all populations, so if you provide vocation English that happens to be as American Sign Language, it is allowable. People with disabilities are included in our target population.

2. Do the courses need to be offered in those communities of the unincorporated areas? Or will students be able to come to the program site if it is outside of the targeted area?

A: From the community input sessions we held, the preference is for services to be made available in the community. We realize most people do not have the opportunity to work or train in the community they reside. So, having community partnerships will be good to provide the services within the community.

3. For strategy A, could this be a 100% remote program, or do you need providers to have a physical location/presence in Alameda County?

A: For each of the strategies, we are looking for proposals that do provide in-person services for at least part of the time, so hybrid services is allowable to fit the needs of the communities. The request of 100% remote is not ideal for the needs of the Ashland/Cherryland communities. We need services to have office hours within the communities to address technical questions that may come up. That is the type of assistance this community is looking for. It could be a partnership with providers that have a mobile or brick-and-mortar location within the community that can provide such services.

4. Which communities do you need a physical presence the most in? Is this primarily Ashland/Cherryland, or are there other areas you want a physical presence in as well?

A: The unincorporated community areas are very close in proximity to each other. There is no preference to Ashland or Cherryland. If you are able to identify an area within the unincorporated areas (Ashland, Cherryland, Hayward acres, part of San Lorenzo, and part of Castro Valley), people will be able to access them.

5. Is there an anticipated number of awardees per funding category?

A: We anticipate having one awardee per strategy, but each bidder may apply for no more than 2 of the referenced strategies and must serve unique participants within each of the strategy if awards for multiple strategies are awarded to a single organization.

6. Is there a different funding amount per category?

A: Funding amount per strategy as follow:

\$300,000 for Strategy A: Entrepreneurial Pathways (includes up to \$1,500 in direct payments to assist program participants with a wide range of supportive services)

\$400,000 for Strategy B: Earn and Learn Program (include not to exceed \$300 per participant for supportive services) (childcare, which carries a higher cap of \$800 per participant and cannot be combined with other types of supportive services)

\$200,000 for Strategy C: Vocational English (including GED completion) / Supportive Services / Linkages to Employment (includes up to \$300 in direct payment for participants)

7. Is participant eligibility restricted to those in the zip codes corresponding to the unincorporated areas of Alameda County?

A: Yes. The ARPA fund grant specifically applies to participants living in the unincorporated areas of Ashland, Cherryland, Hayward Acres, part of Castro Valley and part of San Lorenzo.

To confirm the service area of the unincorporated communities mentioned, the use of the Community Locator link will assist in determining whether the address is or is not within the targeted unincorporated area.

<http://communitylocator.acgov.org/>