

Workforce Development Division Report for August 12, 2010 Workforce Development Council Meeting

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1. ARRA TANF Summer Youth Employment Program

DHS contracted the City and County of Honolulu and DLIR to implement an ARRA TANF-funded Summer Youth Employment Program this summer. Discussions with DHS began in April 2010, and recruitment for youth began in May 2010. The DLIR program initially was limited to the neighbor island counties. However, the DLIR program was later expanded on May 17, 2010 to include Oahu youth for a total DLIR budget of \$3.5 million.

Despite the extreme time constraints, DLIR placed over 1,400 youth in the program at various government and private non-profit sites statewide. Feedback from youth and worksite supervisors has been overwhelmingly positive because the youth were able to earn wages at their jobs while learning good work habits and skills. Many worksites have asked if the program will be repeated next summer because they would like to participate again.

The DLIR program will end on September 15, 2010 to allow sufficient time for closing out the program.

2. WIA National Emergency Grant (NEG) for On-the-Job Training

DLIR applied for over \$4 million in WIA NEG funds and was awarded slightly over \$600,000 for the grant in late June 2010. Applicants were limited to states and Indian tribes. Unlike other NEG's, the grant is for a specific activity – OJTs- and many new requirements for the grant seem to be in the development stage. WDD staff will learn more during a mandatory conference in Washington D.C. in August 10-11, 2010, and details will be shared with the counties. A full implementation plan reflecting the new grant requirements and reduced award amount is due by the end of August 2010.