

Member
Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board
Program Name
Workforce & Adults With Disabilities Research Study
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Applicable Program Area
Adults with Disabilities
Please provide an executive summary of your proposed plan to expand opportunities in the program area
The Santa Barbara workforce system has never had the benefit of a data-driven study on the status, needs & challenges of adults with disabilities. While other entities (like DOR) may have conducted studies, the workforce system has specific programmatic goals and best practices that should be taken into account with any research--as it facilitates the acceptance of the data, and leads to policy change and program design updates. This New Project would fund a Workforce Research Consultant to perform a study under the leadership of the WDB Executive Director & staff in collaboration with advocates for the disabled community.
Please explain how you plan to integrate existing programming to create seamless and accelerated transitions to
This is a research study, and will be integrated into the workforce intelligence work currently performed under the leadership of the WDB staff--but has never focused on the disabled community. In turn, this will allow for better, fact-based, decisions to be made regarding how the existing workforce system can better integrate those adults with disabilities.
Please demonstrate the need or gap in our region with respect to the program area identified. Please include
Again: there has never been a workforce/disabled adults research study performed by the publicly-funded County Workforce Development Board. Moreover, the primary public source of workforce data, the California Labor Market Information Division (LMID) had never performed a focused disabled adult worker study for Santa Barbara County. In short, no workforce data exists on this subject from one of the acknowledged research sources.
Please describe how this proposed plan aligns with and is in the furtherance of the vision, mission and goals of
This research project aligns with the "Programs for adults with disabilities" approved goal in the AEBG Consortium Plan to the State. As an additional benefit from this project, it will foster a collaboration between the WDB staff, the CUSD, and other Adult with Disabilities partners--who will comprise the "advisory panel" for the study.
Please attach the specific objectives and specific activities to complete the objectives, along with a timeline for
I certify that the Activity Chart has been completed and emailed to sbaebg@gmail.com
Total Budget Requested
\$60,000
1000/2000/3000
\$15,000 for WDB staff who will supervise the contractor/researcher.
1000/2000/3000 Detail
\$45,000 for the Workforce Research Contractor/Consultant.
4000
no funds for this category
4000 Detail
no funds for this category
5000
no funds for this category.
5000 Detail
no funds for this category
Target Number of New Students Served for 2015-16
None, this is a research project
Do you currently receive funding that supports the proposed activity? If yes, please describe how additional
No. This is a New Project focus for the WDB.
What is your sustainability plan for this activity when funding is no longer available?

Because of the new Federal WIOA program, with the success of this AEBG-funded project (success indicator: study results are used to increase participation in the One-Stops of Adults with Disabilities), the WDB will go after funding (possibly with State DOR) to fund updates to this research periodically, so that workforce more fully incorporates the disabled into those served.

Current Number of Students Served

None, this is a research project

Please list specific objectives, activities, timeline, person/agency responsible, outcomes and data capture. Please