DATE:     August 30, 2019

TO:       LA’s Workforce Development System – YouthSource Centers, Youth Work Experience Contractors

FROM:     Gerardo Ruvalcaba, Director Workforce Development System

SUBJECT:  WDS DIRECTIVE NO. 20–03 REVISIONS TO PY 2019-2020 COUNTY YOUTH@WORK – FOSTER YOUTH AND OTHER UNDERSERVED YOUTH (OUY) FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

EFFECTIVE DATE
This directive is effective as of July 1, 2019.

PURPOSE
This directive modifies funding and performance goals for the 2019-2020 Los Angeles County Youth@Work Program – Work-Based Learning (WBL) contracts.

BACKGROUND
The Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) issued Program Year 2019-2020 offer sheets and contracts based on funding and performance goals issued by the Los Angeles County Workforce Development, Aging and Workforce Services (WDACS). WDACS subsequently informed EWDD in July that they were reducing the City’s Foster Youth funding and increasing Other Underserved Youth (OUY) funding.

In addition to the change in funding, WDACS also notified EWDD of a September 30, 2019 expiration date for Foster Youth funding.

REQUIRED ACTION
The attached Table 1 contains changes to selected County Youth@Work contractors for PY 2019-2020. Agencies are instructed to submit revised program budgets based on the new funding allocations for Foster and OUY.

Agencies are also instructed to expend all Foster Youth funds by September 30, 2019, and report closeout expenditures to EWDD by October 5, 2019. Invoices and expenditure reports requiring revisions to match new Foster Youth and OUY budgets should be submitted to EWDD Financial Management Division and labeled as “Revision”.

This WIOA Title I financially assisted program or activity is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.
Eligibility criteria for OUY is less stringent than Foster Youth. Therefore, any foster youth participants already enrolled may be reclassified as OUY. Participant files in need of reclassification from Foster Youth to OUY must have all eligibility documentation for the OUY population. Agencies must also work with WDACS staff to ensure affected youth are properly classified in the county's web portal.

**WDS CONTACT**
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Attachment: Table 1 - Revisions to LA County Youth@Work Funding - Foster Youth and Other Under Served Youth (OUY)