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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

Food Stamp Program

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For more than 40 years, the Food Stamp Program has served as the foundation of America's national nutrition safety net. It is the first line of defense against hunger and offers a powerful tool for improving nutrition among low-income people. It is available to nearly anyone with low income and few resources. Eligibility and the actual benefit amount are based on income and assets available to the household, as well as household characteristics namely immigrant status or one's ability to work.

Legal immigrants who meet income and resource guidelines, and with at least five years in legal status, are eligible for program benefits.

Able-bodied adults between 16 and 60 (with some exceptions) are required to register for work, take part in employment/training programs referred by the food stamp office, and to accept or continue suitable employment in order to maintain food stamp eligibility.

Benefits are issued to eligible households via electronic debit cards, known as Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards which can be used in 162,000 approved retail stores nationwide to purchase food.

For more information on the Food Stamp Program and/or to apply for benefits, interested parties should contact the Monterey County Department of Social Services at (831) 755-4400.

National School Lunch Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program, and the After-School Snacks

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After-School Snacks

Legislation and Purpose

Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998, (Public Law 105-336), expanded the Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) to provide cash reimbursements for snacks served to children and youth in certain after school care programs.

The hours after school are a critical time when children and youth are most at-risk of engaging in delinquent behavior. An after-school care program can fill the gap between the times children and youth are dismissed from school until their parents return from work. An after-school care program can serve nutritious snacks and offers supervised care programs that are fun and filled with learning opportunities such as math and English tutoring, physical activities, personal enrichment – conflict resolution, self-esteem, goal setting, and drug and gang resistance activities.

Eligible Programs

Programs that provide care after school hours may be eligible for USDA reimbursement for snacks served to children through age 18. To be eligible for reimbursement, after-school care programs must meet the criteria below:

Under **NSLP**, a school food authority must operate the lunch component and the school district must

Sponsor or operate an after-school care program which:

- Provides children with regularly scheduled activities in an organized, structured and supervised environment; and
- Includes educational or enrichment activities.

Under **CACFP**, an eligible institution must operate an after-school care program which:

- Provides children with regularly scheduled activities in an organized, structured and supervised environment;
- Includes educational or enrichment activities; and
- Is located in a geographical area served by a school in which 50 percent or more of the enrolled children are eligible for free or reduced price school meals.

Under **SFSP**, (in California only) the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, Congress authorized a pilot in California, which permits local governments and private non-profit organizations to receive reimbursement through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) for snacks served during after school hours and on weekends during the school year. Non-school sponsors normally participate in the after-school snack program through the Child and Adult Care Food Program and in the summer meal program through the SFSP, which operate under different regulations and requirements. California's pilot allows non-school sponsors to serve and claim snacks 365 days a year under one federal program, the Summer Food Service Program.

Eligible Institutions Under CACFP

- Schools may also be eligible for reimbursement for after-school snacks under CACFP.
- Tax exempt sites such as churches, hospitals, foundations, non-profit organizations.
- Public agencies such as City, County, State agencies, Head start.
- Private for profit/"Title XX" sites and privately owned and operated businesses serving low-income clientele.

Eligible Institutions Under SFSP

- All California community and municipal organizations, such as Boys and Girls Clubs, Park and Recreation departments and cities who run the SFSP are eligible to receive reimbursements of \$.61 cents for each snack.

National School Lunch Program

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is a federally assisted meal program operating in more than 101,000 public and non-profit private schools and residential child care institutions nationally. It provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to more than 30 million children each school day. In 1998, Congress expanded the NSLP to include reimbursement for snacks served to children through age 18 in after-school educational and enrichment programs.

For a site to participate, the school district must run the NSLP, and sponsor or operate an after-school care program providing children with regularly scheduled educational or enrichment activities in a supervised environment.

Snacks served in programs that are “area eligible” will be reimbursed at the free rate, regardless of individual student eligibility for free or reduced price lunches. Snacks served in programs that are not “area eligible” will be reimbursed at the free, reduced price and paid rate based on each student’s eligibility for free or reduced price meals. For the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, reimbursement rates are:

\$0.68 for each free snack
\$0.34 for each reduced price snack
\$0.06 for each paid snack.

Child and Adult Care Food Program

USDA’s Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides nutritious meals and snacks to eligible children and adults enrolled at participating child care centers, day care homes, and adult day care centers. CACFP also provides meals to children residing in homeless shelters, and snacks to youths participating in after-school programs at faith and community based agencies.

To be eligible to participate in the CACFP after-school snack program, the after-school care program must be located in a low-income area where 50 percent or more of the children are eligible for free and reduced price school meals. The after-school care program must offer educational or enrichment activities. There are no federal licensing requirements; however, after-school care programs must to meet State or local licensing and health requirements.

The organization will be reimbursed for snacks served at the highest level of reimbursement (“free rate”), currently 68 cents per snack served. With the snack reimbursement from USDA, the organization may free up dollars for other activities.

Public or private nonprofit organizations may participate in the snack program under CACFP, for example: tax exempt sites such as churches, hospitals, foundations, non-profit organizations; public agencies such as City, County, State agencies, Head start; and, private for-profit/”Title XX” sites and privately owned and operated businesses serving low-income clientele.

Summer Food Service Program

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides free, nutritious meals and snacks to children in low-income areas throughout the summer months when school is out. The SFSP draws children into supervised activities that are safe, fun, and offer learning opportunities. The program encourages communities to provide safe places for children to be with other children and supportive adults. Through the program parents know their children are receiving healthy meals in a supportive environment. Children 18 and younger may receive free meals and snacks. Meals are also available to persons with disabilities, over age 18, who participate in school programs for those mentally or physically disabled. At most sites, children receive one or two reimbursable meals each day. Camps and sites primarily serving migrant children may be approved to serve three meals daily.

California Community Child Nutrition Snack Pilot

Through the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, Congress authorized a pilot in California, which permits local governments and private non-profit organizations to receive reimbursement through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) for snacks served during after school hours and on weekends during the school year. Non-school sponsors normally participate in the after-school snack program through the Child and Adult Care Food Program and in the summer meal program through the SFSP, which operate under different regulations and

requirements. California's pilot allows non-school sponsors to serve and claim snacks 365 days a year under one federal program, the Summer Food Service Program.

For the period of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007, the maximum reimbursement rate per snack:

\$0.61 for each snack

For More Information

Please contact the California State Department of Education at 1-800-952-5609 for more information on serving after-school snacks under NSLP or CACFP. Or, visit the USDA FNS website at <http://www.usda.gov/fcs/> or contact the FNS Western Regional Office at 415-705-1336.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

Contact: Rich Proulx at (415) 705-1313, x. 251

The WIC Program provides nutritious foods, nutrition education, and health care referrals to low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women; infants; and children up to age five, at no cost to the participant. To be eligible for WIC, an applicant must meet income, residency, and nutrition risk requirements. The WIC foods are provided in the form of checks for the prescribed items that can be used at authorized WIC stores. As part of its nutrition education, WIC also provides strong breastfeeding support.

During farmers' market season, WIC participants are also eligible to receive a one-time benefit of \$20 in coupons for fresh fruits and vegetables as part of the **WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)**.

In Salinas, both WIC and FMNP are run by the Monterey County Health Department at 632 E. Alisal Street, phone (831) 796-2888. For more detailed information on WIC in California, the WIC Branch of the California Department of Public Health can be contacted at (888) 942-9675. Its web site is www.wicworks.ca.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools' (OSDFS) mission is creating safe schools, responding to crises, drug abuse and violence prevention, ensuring the health and well being of students and promoting development of good character and citizenship.

Below is a listing of programs administered by OSDFS:

Drug-Violence Prevention - State Programs

The Drug-Violence Prevention (DVP) State Programs group administers State and local educational formula programs authorized under Title IV, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Programs authorized under this legislation provide financial assistance for state and local drug and violence prevention activities in elementary and secondary schools, and institutions of higher education. Activities may be carried out by state and local educational agencies and by other public and private nonprofit

organizations. Specifically, the group has lead responsibility for the Safe and Drug-Free Schools State Programs:

Governors' Grants (Formula Grants)

This program provides support to governors for a variety of drug and violence prevention activities focused primarily on school-age youths. Governors use their program funds to provide support to local education agencies (LEAs), community-based organizations, and other public and private nonprofit entities for drug and violence prevention activities that complement the state education agency (SEA) and LEA portion of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities program.

Governors give priority to programs that serve youths and children not normally served by SEAs and LEAs or that reach populations that need special or additional resources, such as youths in juvenile detention facilities, runaway or homeless youths, pregnant and parenting teenagers, and school dropouts.

Grants to States to Improve Management of Drug and Violence Prevention Programs (Discretionary Grants)

This program awards grants to develop, expand, or enhance the capacity of SEAs and local education agencies (LEAs), and other state agencies and community-based entities, to collect, analyze, and use data to improve the management of drug- and violence-prevention programs administered in the states.

Grant funds must be used to develop, enhance, or expand, the capacity of states, and other entities that receive SDFSCA state grants program (# 84. 186A) funds, to collect, analyze, and use data to improve the management of drug- and violence-prevention programs. At a minimum, applicants must propose projects that provide this expanded capacity to the SEA, the state agency administering the governor's funding under the SDFSCA state grants program, and LEAs and community-based organizations that receive SDFSCA state grants program funding.

State Formula Grants for SEAs (Formula Grants)

The program provides support to SEAs for a variety of drug- and violence-prevention activities focused primarily on school-age youths. SEAs are required to distribute 93 percent of funds to LEAs for drug- and violence-prevention activities authorized under the statute. These activities may include: developing instructional materials; providing counseling services and professional development programs for school personnel; implementing community service projects and conflict resolution, peer mediation, mentoring and character education programs; establishing safe zones of passage for students to and from school; acquiring and installing metal detectors; and hiring security personnel. The formula for the distribution of funds to LEAs is based on the state's prior year share of Title I funds (60 percent) and enrollment (40 percent).

Activities frequently funded by LEAs include: staff training; student instruction; curriculum development or acquisition; parent education and involvement; conflict resolution; peer mediation and student assistance programs, such as counseling, mentoring, identification and referral services.

Grants to Address Youth Violence and Related Issues for Persistently Dangerous Schools (Discretionary Grants)

The Grants to Address Youth Violence and Related Issues in Persistently Dangerous Schools Program supports the implementation of programs, activities, and strategies that address youth violence and related issues in local educational agencies (LEAs) with schools that have been identified as persistently dangerous for school year 2006-2007 pursuant to section 9532 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Drug-Violence Prevention - National Programs

The Drug-Violence Prevention (DVP) National Programs group administers discretionary grants and other programs related to developing and maintaining safe, disciplined, and drug-free schools. Programs authorized under Title IV, SDFSCA of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 provide financial assistance for drug and violence prevention activities in elementary and secondary schools, and institutions of higher education. Activities may be carried out by state and local educational agencies and by other public and private nonprofit organizations. Specifically, the group has lead responsibility for the Safe and Drug-Free Schools National Programs:

School-Based Student Drug-Testing Programs (Discretionary Grants)

This program awards grants to LEAs and public and private entities to develop and implement, or expand, school-based mandatory random or voluntary drug-testing programs for students in one or more grades 6 through 12.

The drug testing funded by these grants must be part of a comprehensive drug-prevention program in the schools served, and provide for the referral to treatment or counseling of students identified as drug users. The projects funded by these grants also must be consistent with constitutional principles and state and federal laws and requirements regarding student drug testing, and must ensure the confidentiality of testing results.

Discretionary Grants to Reduce Alcohol Abuse (Discretionary Grants)

This program assists LEAs in the development and implementation of innovative and effective alcohol abuse prevention programs for secondary school students. Up to 25 percent of funding may be reserved for grants to low-income and rural LEAs.

Funding is directed to innovative and effective alcohol abuse prevention programs for secondary school students.

Mentoring Grants (Discretionary Grants)

Assistance is provided to promote mentoring programs for children with the greatest need. Grants are provided to programs that: (1) assist such children in receiving support and guidance from a mentor; (2) improve the academic performance of such children; (3) improve interpersonal relationships between such children and their peers, teachers, other adults, and family members; (4) reduce the dropout rate of such children; and (5) reduce juvenile delinquency and involvement in gangs by such children.

Grant funds must be used to support school-based mentoring programs and activities to serve children with the greatest need in one or more of grades 4 through 8 living in rural areas, high-crime areas, or troubled-home environments, or who attend schools with violence problems.

Policy and Cross-Cutting Programs

This group administers certain discretionary grant initiatives authorized by Title IV, SDFSCA National Programs, including programs that emphasize coordinated, collaborative responses to developing and maintaining safe, disciplined, and drug-free learning environments. Programs authorized provide financial assistance for drug and violence prevention to local educational agencies and their partners. Activities may be carried out by local educational agencies in partnership with local law enforcement officials, local mental health service providers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians and other first responders.

Specifically, the group has lead responsibility for the following program:

Safe Schools/Healthy Students Discretionary Grants (Discretionary Grants)

Grants support LEAs in the development of community-wide approaches to creating safe and drugfree schools and promoting healthy childhood development. Programs are intended to prevent violence and the illegal use of drugs and to promote safety and discipline. LEAs are required to partner with local law enforcement, public mental health, and juvenile justice agencies/entities. This program is jointly funded and administered by the departments of Education, Justice, and Health and Human Services (the appropriation amounts listed above do not include funds appropriated for the departments of Justice, and Health and Human Services).

To be funded, local comprehensive strategies must address the following six elements but may address other elements as well, as determined by the needs of the community:

- Provide a safe school environment;
- Offer alcohol-, other drug-, and violence-prevention activities and early intervention for troubled students;
- Offer school and community mental health preventive and treatment intervention programs;
- Offer early childhood psychosocial and emotional developmental programs;
- Support and connect schools and communities; and
- Support safe-school policies.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Contact: Emily Hughes at (415) 437-8412

ACF is responsible for federal programs that promote the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals, and communities. ACF does not directly deliver services to the customer or end user but rather awards grants to state and local governments, not-for-profit organizations and Indian Tribes who have responsibility for direct delivery of services. ACF funds Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) and Head Start programs in the City of Salinas.

The RHY program provides comprehensive services for youth in at-risk situations and their families that include positive alternatives for youth to ensure their safety and maximize their potential to take advantage of available opportunities. Services include youth shelters, outreach, crisis intervention, and transitional living programs. Any state, unit of local government, public or private agency, Indian Tribe, organization, or institution is eligible to apply for these discretionary funds.

In FY 2007, ACF awarded \$240,000 in RHY Program funds to Community Human Services, a non-profit organization based in Monterey, California. Community Human Services offers two programs that provide youth and gang intervention services: Safe Place (runaway and homeless youth services) and D.A.I.S.Y. (Drug and Alcohol Intervention Services for Youth). Safe Place provides individual and family counseling, family reunification or alternative placement, and street outreach services to runaway and homeless youth. In collaboration with the Monterey County Probation Department and several community based agencies, D.A.I.S.Y. is located at the Silver Star Resource Center in Salinas and provides intervention and education services for substance abusing youth grades 6-9 who are referred by parents, schools, social services, behavioral health, Probation and the Juvenile Drug Court.

The Head Start program provides comprehensive developmental services for low-income, preschool children age three to five and their families. Head Start provides diverse services consistent with its goals for success in education, health, parent involvement and social services. Head Start also includes the

American Indian Head Start and Migrant Head Start programs and Early Head Start, which expands the benefits of early childhood development to low-income families with children under age three and to pregnant women.

In FY 2007, ACF awarded the Monterey County Office of Education (MCOE) approximately \$10.6 million to provide Head Start services to 1,165 children and Early Head Start services to 80 infants and their families in Monterey County. MCOE currently operates twelve Head Start centers in the City of Salinas.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

Contact: Steve Sachs at (415) 436-6597

Community Development Block Grant Program

The CDBG is an Entitlement program for states, cities and counties. Entitlement grantees are states, metropolitan cities with populations over 50,000, and urban counties with populations over 200,000. Some cities with less than 50,000 in population can also qualify for Entitlement status, by being the central city in a standard metropolitan statistical area. Small non-Entitlement communities compete for funds under the State-administered CDBG Small Cities program. The Entitlement amount for each state, city and county is based upon need, and is calculated by a formula, which considers population, poverty, overcrowded housing, age of housing and growth lag. The HUD Headquarters Office in Washington determines the amount that each community receives. Field offices have no involvement whatsoever in determining the amount to be awarded.

CDBG Funds can be used to fund a wide-range of community development activities. Eligible activities include housing rehabilitation, public improvements, such as street, water, and sewer activities, development of new housing, and a number of other activities, including assistance to for-profit and non-profit entities to carry out economic development activities, assist the homeless, establish battered women shelters, and provide a wide-range of public services.

The use of CDBG funds for law enforcement activities falls within the public services section of the CDBG regulations. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to:

1. Establishing police substations in low-and moderate-income (low-mod) neighborhoods;
2. Assigning additional police staff to low-mod neighborhoods;
3. Use as matching funds for other Federal law enforcement grants; and
4. Job training and other employment related activities.

Each community that receives CDBG funding is limited to using only 15 percent of the funds for public services. The City of Salinas' award for Fiscal Year 2007 is \$2,537,808. Therefore, the City could allocate \$380,671 of its 2007 award for eligible public services. However Salinas has an approved Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area – the Aliasal Homeownership and Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (AHNRSA). One of the incentives of an NRSAs is that public service activities within this area may be exempt from the public service cap. The City has been a recipient of CDBG funds for a number of years, has very competent staff administering the program, and is aware of how the funds can be used for law enforcement activities. However, if City staff would like to obtain information on how other communities have used CDBG funds for law enforcement activities, we recommend they contact the Cities of Modesto and Fresno, both of which have successfully used CDBG funds for such activities.

The contact person for the City of Modesto is Ms. Julie Hannon, Deputy Director of the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods Department. She can be reached on (209) 577-5419. The contact person for the City of Fresno is Ms. Crystal Smith, Management Analyst in the City's Department of Housing and Community Development. She can be reached on (559) 621-8513.

As noted above, small non-Entitlement communities (including Monterey County, Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield, Marina, Pacific Grove, and King City), are eligible to apply for CDBG funding through the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Financial Assistance. For the period 1999 through 2006, these jurisdictions were awarded more than \$12 million through the State's CDBG Program. Additional information regarding the State's programs may be found at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/fa/index.html#fac>.

Housing Counseling – Nancy Flores (415) 489-6406

Funding has been provided to the City's local HUD-designated housing counseling agency MoCHA (Monterey County Housing Alliance) for providing financial literacy and foreclosure and predatory lending prevention education. MoCHA has a strong partnership with Congressman Sam Farr's Office, the County of Monterey Housing Authority, the Housing Assistance Council, CHISPA and local housing leaders. You can also provide additional funding to MoCHA to help you design a program that meets the specific needs of your city. HUD staff can provide technical assistance to the City and MoCHA in your effort to develop an individualized program.

US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL)

Employment and Training Administration (ETA)

Contact: Juan M. Regalado at (415) 625-7941 (regalado.juan@dol.gov)

The ETA administers federal government job training and worker dislocation programs, federal grants to states for public employment service programs, and unemployment insurance benefits. These services are primarily provided through state and local workforce development systems.

ETA also supports a wide variety of programs to ensure that all youth have the skills and training they need to successfully make the transition to adulthood and careers. In the Salinas area most of the employment and training services for youth are delivered through the One-Stop Career Center system. Listed below are DOL-funded employment and training services in Salinas.

Employment and Training Services for Youth offered through the One-Stop Career Centers of Monterey County are located at:

Salinas

730 La Guardia Street
Salinas, CA 93905
Phone: (831) 796-3600

Monterey

Affiliate One-Stop
480 Webster Street
Monterey, CA 93940
Phone: (831) 649-2925

Seaside

1760-D2 Fremont Blvd.

Seaside, CA 93955

Phone: (831) 899-8236

Youth Services

Youth Services offered through the One-Stops in Monterey County:

- Finding Work
- Find out about job openings (including work experience, internships and community service)
- Find out how to get a work permit
- Learn about strategies for finding a job
- Get help in preparing for job interviews
- Get help preparing a resume
- Post resume for employers to see
- Summer Opportunities
- Get help in finding a summer job
- Find out about summer learning opportunities
- Getting Skills and Training
- Learn new job skills
- Improve current job skills
- Learn about the world of business
- Prepare for High School Equivalency (GED) exam
- Improve reading, writing and math skills
- Improve English skills (ESL)
- Get information about schools and training programs
- Planning career
- Assess reading and math skills
- Assess career interests and skills
- Learn about suitable jobs and careers
- Learn about jobs in demand and rates of pay
- Get information about employers in the local area
- Learn about what employers expect of their workers

Grant Opportunities through DOL's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) for Youth Services

ETA awards millions of dollars in grants and contracts each year. The following are examples of the types of opportunities that have been announced in the past year:

\$47 million competition for YouthBuild grants

"YouthBuild builds the skills and education of at-risk young people while empowering them to become valuable assets in their communities," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training Emily Stover DeRocco. "Through unique, hands-on learning, YouthBuild participants are prepared to meet the growing employment demands of the construction and other high growth industries."

YouthBuild is an alternative education program that provides at-risk youth with training in construction and pathways to post-secondary education and careers in high growth, high demand occupations. Those served include young people who have been in the juvenile justice system, youth aging out of foster care,

high school dropouts, and other at-risk populations. For more information on YouthBuild grants and other youth employment programs, please visit www.doleta.gov/youth_services.

Multiple Education Pathways Blueprint Grants (MEPB)(SGA-DFA-PY-06-12).

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA), announces the availability of approximately \$3 million in grant funds to create a blueprint to build systems of multiple education pathways.

These grants will support small cities (population 70,000 - 350,000) in the development of detailed blueprints for multiple education pathways systems that provide a mix of alternative learning environments. ETA is targeting cities of this size in order for the blueprints to have maximum impact on the community's dropout challenges. It is ETA's expectation that the blueprints developed with these funds will serve as the city's strategic action plan and foundation for building multiple education pathways. Youth who are at risk of dropping out of school and youth who have already dropped out of school are the main targets of this grant; however, it is important that the blueprint developed fits within the city's larger education strategy. These two objectives, reducing the dropout rate and re-engaging youth who have dropped out, are critical to ensuring a prepared and educated youth pipeline to compete in a demand-driven workforce.

Youthful Offender Registered Apprenticeship, Alternative Education, and Project Expansion Grants (SGA-DFA-PY-06-10).

The Employment and Training Administration announces the availability of approximately \$20 million for Youthful Offender Grants. These grants will be awarded through a competitive process for three categories of projects-(1) Registered Apprenticeship (to increase the placement of young adults being released from the criminal justice system in registered apprenticeship); (2) Alternative Educational Pathways (to increase the educational achievement and attainment of youth in the juvenile justice system); and (3) Project Expansion (to replicate effective programs for serving juvenile offenders). Applicants can apply for grants in more than one of these categories, but separate applications must be submitted for each category.

To learn more about these grant opportunities throughout the year, please visit: www.doleta.gov/grants

The Center for Employment and Training (CET)

421 Monterey Street
Salinas, CA 93901
Phone: (831) 424-0065
Director: Diana Carrillo

CET trains and places in jobs, unemployed, low-income, and underserved persons of all ethnic backgrounds. Students range in age from 17 to over 50. Many students are farm workers, single mothers on welfare, and disadvantaged youth. The Salinas CET offers training in Business Office Technology, Computer Office Occupation, and Custodial Services. Programs are designed for young people and adults of all backgrounds.

CET is partly funded by the Department of Labor's National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) which is a nationally directed program of job training and employment assistance for migrant and seasonal farm workers (MSFWs). It is authorized by Congress in the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Section 167 to counter the impact of the chronic unemployment and underemployment experienced by migrant and seasonal farm workers who primarily depend on jobs in agricultural labor.

Job Corps

A Job Corps recruiter visits the Salinas One-Stop once a month. Job Corps is the nation's largest and

most comprehensive residential education and job training program for at-risk youth, ages 16 through 24. Private companies, state agencies, federal agencies, and unions recruit young people to participate in Job Corps, where they can train for and be placed in jobs.

The closest Job Corps Center to Salinas is located in San Jose at:

San Jose Job Corps Center
3485 East Hills Drive
San Jose, California 95127-2790
Phone: (408) 254-5627
Fax: (408) 254-5663

Capacity 440; 180 men, 180 women (R); 40 men, 40 women (NR).

Special Features: ESL, childcare for 35 non-residential students, and TCU advanced clerical skills, California Corps located on center.

Vocational Offerings: Building and Apartment Maintenance, Culinary Arts, Electronics Tech., Drafter Assist, Office Skills, Advanced Clerical, Auto Repair Tech., Offset Dup Mac Op. Welder, Cabinetmaking, Computer Apps, Electronic Repair, Truck Mechanics, Machinist, Landscape Maintenance, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, Bookkeeping/Accounting, Auto Body Repair, Dental Assistant, Carpenter, Electrical Maintenance, Computer Maintenance, Word Processing, Computer Maintenance, Data Entry, Cement Masonry, Medical Office.

Grants through State Programs

At the state level, there are additional opportunities announced throughout the year. In July of this year, the Labor and Workforce Development Agency and the California Workforce Investment Board announced the awarding of \$700,000.00 in state Workforce Investment Act grants to help 135 at-risk young people transition from foster care, probation and disability programs into high-wage jobs in high-demand industries in the Sacramento and San Diego areas.

For additional information about future grant opportunities through the state programs, visit:

<http://www.edd.ca.gov/wiarep/wiaspind.htm>

Monterey County Youth Workforce Investment Act Program

Youth Formula-Funded Grant Programs — Youth programs provide services to eligible youth, ages 14-21, in local communities. These are Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds that are allocated based on the number of unemployed individuals in areas of substantial unemployment; the relative excess number of unemployed individuals in a state; and the relative number of disadvantaged youth in a state. Funds are administered through the Local Workforce Investment Board of Monterey County.

<http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/workforce/>

Specialized youth services offered by Employment Development Department (EDD):

<http://www.edd.ca.gov/eddy.asp>

Youth Employment Opportunity Program (YEOP)

This program provides special services to youth, ages 15 to 21, to assist them in achieving their educational and vocational goals. Services include peer advising, referrals to supportive services, workshops, job referrals and placement assistance, and referrals to training and community outreach efforts. The EDD Mentors and YEOP Specialists provide the employment services. Eligibility is based on attendance at school. If a youth is thinking of dropping out of school (high school, continuation school, college, university, vocational training), or has already dropped out, they are eligible to enroll. The YEOP Mentors and Specialists assist by removing barriers to enable the youth to remain in or return

to school. For more information on Salinas' YEOP program, please contact Ruben Garcia, EDD Manager at 831-796-3632.

Labor Exchange System

CalJOBSSM is EDD's no-fee Internet job search system, available through any personal computer with access to the Internet. CalJOBSSM provides a connection between job seekers and employers. Job seekers can enter their skills and experience into a résumé database to match with job openings listed CalJOBSSM in by employers. Youth job seekers can reach CalJOBSSM from a home computer, from one of the One-Stop Career Centers listed above, or from Internet computers in many public offices, high schools, and libraries.

EDD youth service may include:

- Job referrals and placement assistance
- Labor market information
- Job search workshops
- Fidelity bonding
- Referrals for supportive services
- Referrals for training

Planning a Career (Other youth services offered through EDD's Internet service)

- **California Career Planning Guide**
A step-by-step guide to finding a good job in a career that's right for you. (A product of the California Career Resource Network (CalCRN))
- **Career Opportunities Reports**
Explore career opportunities in five industries: Health Services; Arts, Media, and Entertainment; Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation; Information Technology; and Manufacturing.
- **Explore Career Options**
What kinds of jobs are in demand? Which career is right for you?
- **Training Yourself for Your Career**
What kind of training do you need? Where to go for training, special programs to help you, how to pay for training, and where to get help.

Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development

Through the **WIRED** (Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development) initiative, the U.S. Department of Labor is investing \$15 million in the California Innovation Corridor. This regional economy includes the counties of Alameda, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Kern, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange, Riverside, and San Diego.

The California Innovation Corridor will implement a three target approach for WIRED: Innovation Support, Industrial Rejuvenation, and Talent Development as described below:

1. Innovation Support: Sustainable Entrepreneurship
 - Create an Atmosphere in which the culture, environment and systems are characterized and driven by innovation and entrepreneurship.
2. Industrial Rejuvenation: Manufacturing Value Chain and Supplier
 - Ensure common "smart supplier" competitiveness and enterprise-driven outcomes across supply chain provider/support network.

3. Competitiveness Talent Development: Creation of 21st Century Innovation-Oriented Technical Talent
 - Integrate consideration of current and future industry enterprise needs into workforce and educational planning and policymaking.

The goal of the *WIRED* initiative is to transform regional economies by enlisting the skills of the numerous and varied players in those economies to research and produce long-term strategic plans that prepare workers for high-skill, high-wage opportunities in the coming years and into the next decade.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

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FTA supports MST's bus operations and Salinas is serviced by MST, specifically local routes 41 and 42 in Salinas, (including Alisal) and routes 20 and 21, Salinas- Monterey routes that connect Salinas to the coast.

FTA funds are awarded to Salinas for transit and transportation projects through formula funds in the 5307 program and earmarks in the 5309 program. Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) is the FTA grantee receiving the funds for Salinas. Funds are awarded in accordance with federal guidance and are programmed for the specific uses described in the grants.

Two FTA Section 5309 capital grants have been identified and are described below:

- CA-03-0171
- CA-03-0649

I. CA-03-0717

Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center

This earmark awards FY 2003 federal funds in the amount of \$1,229,598 for the Salinas Intermodal Center.

Federal (80%):\$1,229,598 Local (20%): \$307,400 Total (100%): 1,536,998

Unexpended funds of approximately \$1,155,000 are programmed for design and engineering, and construction phases of the project, as detailed below.

The City of Salinas is working with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) to extend commuter rail service (CALTRAIN) to the region.

In preparation for the extension of the service to Salinas, the City has spent approximately \$1.5 million for the development of the Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC). The ITC is a planned hub of transportation choices that will include Caltrain Commuter Service, AMTRAK rail service and feeder bus service, relocation of the Greyhound Bus terminal, and fixed route bus transit service, berths for Airport Shuttle buses, tour buses, parking for taxi service, and convenient pedestrian links between transportation services. Plans incorporate an expansion of the bus transit station to meet MST's forecast of a 50% increase in transit service.

Project Description:

Integral to development of this multi-modal transportation facility (ITC) is the upgrade to the existing 7,000 sq feet Salinas Train Station building to bring components of the station building to code. The Salinas Train Station building is owned by the Salinas Redevelopment Agency and currently leased to AMTRAK and UPRR. The building needs electrical wiring and plumbing systems upgrades; compliance with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements; asbestos abatement as necessary and seismic retrofit for the entire building; re-roofing, improvements to roof drainage system, repainting, and other amenities for rail patrons.

Design Engineering Phase: \$ 114,320. Federal Funds: \$102,888

Estimated Costs for Final Project Design that includes Architectural Services, design approvals; preparation of bid documents; bidding and awarding project. (The City shall not commence work on this Phase of the project without receiving authorization to proceed from FTA. Consequently, there shall be no drawdown of these funds without said authorization from FTA.)

Construction Phase: \$1,341,178. Federal Funds: \$1,053,360.

Estimated Costs for the construction of upgrades to the Salinas Train Station Building includes Construction Inspection Costs, City Administration Costs, and MST Grant Administration Costs. (The City shall not commence work on this Phase of the project without receiving authorization to proceed from FTA. Consequently, there shall be no drawdown of these funds without said authorization from FTA.)

The City identifies the local match primarily from Redevelopment Agency, Air District and Regional Surface Transportation funds TAMC - Transportation for Livable Communities.

II. CA-03-0649-00

Caltrain Extension to Monterey County Project

Unexpended funds of approximately \$870,461 are programmed for rail engineering/design line equipment and structures.

Project Details

The original source of federal funding for this project was provided from the Fiscal Year 2001 Department of Transportation and Treasury and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for the new start project: Hollister/Gilroy Branch Line Rail Extension Project, CA (2001). A name change was effective for the Fiscal Year 2004 Allocation Notice for these funds to: Salinas/Gilroy Caltrain Rail Extension Project.

The goal of this project is to provide funding for the engineering/ design/ planning/ technical studies phase to extend the Caltrain San Francisco - San Jose - Gilroy service to Pajaro, Castroville and Salinas in Monterey County. Projected annual patronage is 524,280 (2,056 boardings per day).

Matching state funds to the federal New Starts Program funds are already programmed by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), the sub-recipient for this project.

Service will run 38 miles along the existing Union Pacific mainline, starting with two peak period round trips per day and growing to four round trips per day. Funding is needed for track access costs and equipment. Regional matching funds are planned as part of the local transportation sales tax measure.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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The two EPA grant programs that may be able to address issues associated with gang violence are Environmental Justice Small Grants and Brownfields grants.

Environmental Justice Program

The mission of Region 9's EJ Program is to achieve equal environmental protection so that no segment of the population, regardless of race, ethnicity, culture or income, bears an undue burden of environmental pollution – and to ensure that the benefits of environmental protection are shared by everyone. The primary purpose of the project supported by the grant program should be to form collaborative partnerships, educate the community, develop a comprehensive understanding of the environmental and/or public health issues, and identify ways to address these issues at the local level.

The long-term goals of the EJ Small Grants Program are to help build the capacity of the affected community and create self-sustaining, community-based partnerships that will continue to improve local environments in the future. These grants are awarded in amounts of about \$10,000 - \$20,000.

Brownfields Program

Brownfields are abandoned, idled, or under-used properties which are difficult to redevelop because of real or suspected contamination. The goal of the program is to enable states, tribes, communities, and others to work together to assess, safely clean up, and redevelop Brownfields properties. The grants can also support job training. Brownfields Assessment grants support an inventory, assessment, and planning and community involvement activities related to a Brownfields site. The Assessment grants can be several hundred thousand dollars. Brownfields Cleanup grants are awarded for up to \$200,000 for each site and support the clean up of Brownfield sites. Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund grants are for tribes, states, and local governments to capitalize a revolving loan fund and to provide sub-grants to conduct cleanup activities. Up to \$1,000,000 is available per applicant.

Brownfields Job Training grants are awarded to colleges, universities, nonprofit job training centers, local governments, and tribes to train residents living near a Brownfields site for future employment in the environmental field. Up to \$200,000 is awarded per applicant. The national Brownfields home page has much more information at: www.epa.gov/brownfields

Current EPA funds to Salinas:

- Agricultural Land-Based Training - \$98,000 for an alternative pest management project to reduce high risk of pesticides
- Monterey County Water Resources Agency - 3 congressional earmark grants totaling approx. \$1.1 million for water infrastructure projects

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA)

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Section 1122 of the 1994 National Defense Authorization Act established the authority for state and local governments to purchase law enforcement equipment through federal procurement channels, provided that the equipment is used in the performance of counter-drug activities. The authority for the "1122 Program" resides with the Department of Defense. The U.S. Army, as the Executive Agent of the program, has formed a steering committee consisting of representatives from the General Services Administration (GSA), the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), and the Department of Justice (DOJ).

Under the provisions of the statute, GSA is responsible for the development of a catalog, which not only explains the 1122 Program, but also delineates those products, which may be procured under the program.

Each state participating in the 1122 Program designates a State Point of Contact (SPOC) to administer the state's activities under the program, by validating the counter-drug mission of each procurement request, and ensuring the availability of funds. To date, forty-three (43) states have elected to participate in the 1122 Program. Further information regarding the 1122 Program, including a listing of State Points of Contact, may be obtained by accessing the Department of Justice website at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/html/site1.htm>. With the approval of the Executive Agent, GSA has approved ten (10) products or services and the purchase of motor vehicles under the program.

Since the April 23, 2004, meeting convened by Congressman Sam Farr, GSA has visited the law enforcement leaders in Salinas and Monterey County regarding the 1122 Program, with the result that significant business may be generated through the 1122 Program.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)

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Hartnell College, SBDC

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Provides management and technical assistance, counseling and training to current and prospective small business owners in the Salinas area. Its service areas are Monterey (East of the Salinas River), Southern Santa Clara (South of Bernal Road in San Jose) and San Benito Counties.

Monterey Bay SCORE - Chapter 0576

Monterey Chamber of Commerce, 380 Alvarado St.

Monterey, CA 93940

PHONE: (831) 648-5360

Offers counseling and training for small business owners in the Monterey County area who are starting, building or growing their businesses. SCORE is composed of retired businessmen and women who volunteer their knowledge and expertise to the small business community.

For the City of Salinas, SBA in the past five years has provided loan guaranties for 200 loans worth \$67 million to local small business owners. These funds have created or retained the full-time equivalent of 1,900 jobs in the Salinas area.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (SSA)

Contact: Tony Young at (831) 757-8270

The payment of Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits is SSA's primary focus. In place are existing procedures with several Monterey County offices to help at risk individuals become eligible for benefits. The Salinas SSA office works closely with the County of Monterey's Public Guardian, Department of Social Services, Monterey County Homeless Coalition and SSI Advocacy project. SSA entitlements can be a preventive measure, paying monthly cash benefits and awarding

Health Insurance to needy, at risk individuals. In addition, SSA reimburses the County of Monterey for any General Assistance and Medi-Cal benefits when individuals become eligible for Supplemental Security Income benefits. The Salinas District office has a good working relationship with various County agencies and will continue to look for ways to help with gang violence prevention. As a result of the October 2007 meeting, we will be contacting the Silver Star Gang Prevention & Intervention Program (SSGPI) to partner in identifying at risk youth that could be eligible for our services. Unfortunately, there are no grant programs available from Social Security relating to gang violence prevention. SSA's entitlement programs will continue to support the County of Monterey and the City of Salinas in their efforts.

SSA is also working with Monterey County to suspend benefits to beneficiaries that are no longer eligible. In place is a reporting program in which Social Security pays Monterey County when an individual receiving SSA benefits is incarcerated. Every month Monterey County sends a listing of all new prisoners to our agency and we run it against our records. SSA pays for each match resulting in a suspension of benefits, either \$400.00 or \$200.00 depending on how timely the report was made. Over the past 12 months, Monterey County Sheriffs Department has been paid a total of \$8800.00.

Other areas of assistance include an offer to insert a stuffer in SSA mailings to the public. We send close to 750 letters a week and could target specific zip codes. Any stuffer would need to be approved by the agency before mailing. Information to promote the community efforts on prevention of gang violence could be placed in our lobby.

**For more information on the Federal Regional Council, Region IX
please go to our website at: <http://www.frc9.us/>**