



**SOUTH FLORIDA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD  
GLOBAL TALENT AND COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL (GTCC) MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026  
8:30 AM**

The Landing at MIA  
5 Star Conference Center (South Beach Room)  
7415 Corporate Center Drive, Suite H,  
Miami, Florida 33126

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**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of GTC Council Meeting Minutes
  - A. February 19, 2026
4. Informational – DOL Launches Make America AI Ready, Free AI Literacy Course
5. Recommendation as to Approval of a New Training Provider Florida Academy of Air Conditioning
6. Recommendation as to Approval of a New Training Provider OIC Workforce Academy
7. Recommendation as to Approval of a New Training Provider Award Excellence Training Institute
8. Recommendation as to Approval of a New Training Provider Soler & Soler CDL School Corp
9. Recommendation as to Approval of SFWIB Summer Youth Programs

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**SFWIB GLOBAL TALENT COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL**

**DATE:** 4/16/2026

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:** 2

**AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT:** PUBLIC COMMENT

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** **INFORMATIONAL**

**RECOMMENDATION:** N/A

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** **STRONG WORKFORCE SYSTEM LEADERSHIP**

**STRATEGIC PROJECT:** **National leader in an ROI-focused enterprise**

**BACKGROUND:**

N/A

**FUNDING:** N/A

**PERFORMANCE:** N/A

*NO ATTACHMENT*



**SFWIB GLOBAL TALENT COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL**

**DATE:** 4/16/2026

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:** 3

**AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT:** GLOBAL TALENT AND COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** **APPROVAL**

**RECOMMENDATION:** SFWIB staff recommends to the Global Talent and Competitiveness Council Committee to approve minutes from the February 19, 2026 meeting, as set forth below.

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** **STRONG WORKFORCE SYSTEM LEADERSHIP**

**STRATEGIC PROJECT:** **Strengthen workforce system accountability**

**BACKGROUND:**

N/A

**FUNDING:** N/A

**PERFORMANCE:** N/A

*ATTACHMENT*





## 2. Public Comment

*Public comments should be two minutes or less.*

Vice-Chairman Loynaz opened the floor for comments from the public. No requests to speak were received by the Executive Office.

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

## 3A. Global Talent and Competitiveness Council Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2025

Vice-Chairman Loynaz presented the December 18, 2025 Global Talent and Competitiveness Council Meeting minutes for consideration before entertaining a motion.

**Motion:** Mr. del Valle recommends approval of minutes from December 18, 2025, Global Talent and Competitiveness Council Meeting. Ms. Grice seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

## 4. Approval – Kendall Learning Academy Paid Work Experience Partnership

Vice-Chairman Loynaz recused himself from the discussion due to his association with Miami-Dade College. Mr. del Valle introduced the item, and Mr. Smith presented a partnership program aimed at providing paid work experience in data analytics for high-functioning autistic and neurodivergent individuals through Miami-Dade College's Kindle Learning Academy. Youth Co-Op, Inc. will receive the funding and serve as the program administrator.

Mr. Beasley further explained that the program will offer training in data analytics and Power BI, with participants earning college credit. Mayor Cava has agreed to provide job placements for individuals participating in the program through the Miami-Dade County IT department. This initiative marks the first time this population will be served, with 16 participants set to begin at a rate of \$20 per hour for 20 hours a week.

Mr. Brecheisen asked if this was the first time a program of this type had been introduced and expressed hope of expanding it to other major employers beyond the county if it



proves successful. Mr. Beasley concurred with this sentiment and plans to use this program as an example to inspire similar initiatives among his colleagues at both state and national levels.

**Motion:** Mr. Brecheisen recommends approval to the board for an amount not to exceed \$102,400 in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funding for Paid Work Experience (PWE) to Youth Co-Op, West Dade Career Center for the Kendall Learning Academy Paid Work Experience program. Ms. Grice seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

[Vice-Chairman Loynaz returned to the meeting.]

#### **5. Approval – New Registered Apprenticeship Program – Construction Coordinator**

Vice-Chairman Loynaz introduced the item; Mr. Smith presented a new registered apprenticeship program for construction coordinator positions in office management and administrative services.

Mr. Smith reminded the Council that all registered apprenticeship programs are automatically approved at state level, but local workforce board reviews to ensure compliance.

**Motion:** Mr. Brecheisen recommends approval to the board for approval of a new registered apprenticeship program with MCI Construction Apprenticeship Program. Mr. del Valle seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

#### **6. Approval – Apprenticeship Employer Wage Reimbursement – MCI Construction**

Vice-Chairman Loynaz introduced the agenda item, and Mr. Smith presented MCI Construction Apprenticeship Program for Office Manager/Administrative Services (Construction Coordinator). The program will include ten apprenticeships and following five participating employers:



- Atlantic Pacific Companies
- Best Air
- Ocean Coast Electrical
- Jasper Enterprises
- LCN Group Inc.

Mr. Beasley reminded the council that this program aims to expand apprenticeship initiatives in South Florida, aligning with national efforts from the Trump administration.

**Motion:** Mr. del Valle recommends approval to the board to allocate an amount not to exceed \$185,100 in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funds for on-the-job training reimbursements for MCI Construction. Mr. Brecheisen seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

## **7. Approval – South Dade Rural Workforce Innovation Allocation**

Vice-Chairman Loynaz introduced the item; Mr. Smith presented a recommendation to allocate an amount not to exceed \$280,000 state general revenue for rural South Dade workforce development with flexible eligibility requirements.

The program aims to assist 100-125 rural residents and focuses on several key priorities: increasing economic mobility in underserved communities, strengthening employer-driven talent pipelines, expanding access to training and supportive services, and reducing barriers related to transportation, childcare, and digital access. Since this is state-funded, there are no income eligibility requirements.

**Motion:** Mr. del Valle recommends to approve the board to allocate an amount not to exceed \$280,000 in state-awarded funds to Youth Co-op, Inc. to serve South Dade rural participants and employers. Ms. Grice seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

There was ongoing discussion about the program's open-ended nature, specifically regarding digital access and the supportive services provided for 50% of participants.



To address concerns, Mr. Beasley clarified that expanding digital access includes subsidizing programs offered by providers such as Comcast and AT&T. Additionally, supportive services like bus passes, gas cards, and childcare are customized to meet individual needs. While the framework may seem flexible, CareerSource South Florida will strictly adhere to its on-the-job policy limitations and follow a support services matrix, with the state overseeing compliance.

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

#### **8. Approval – Apprenticeship Program On-the-Job Training Employer Reimbursement**

Vice-Chairman Loynaz recused himself from the discussion due to his association with Miami-Dade College. Mr. Beasley introduced the item; Mr. Smith presented the recommendation to allocate funding for on-the-job training reimbursement for the Early Childhood Education (Teacher Assistant) Apprenticeship Program. The program is a career pathway that combines college coursework, mentoring, and on-the-job training to learn the key responsibilities and skills required to support teachers and help children with their educational and social development, both in and out of the classroom.

The program also addresses the shortage of early childhood educators' post-COVID as well as low wages in the field. The apprenticeship program is designed to help smaller daycare centers afford talent.

**Motion:** Mr. Brecheisen presented a motion to allocate an amount not to exceed \$12,300 in WIOA funds for on-the-job training reimbursements for the ELC Leadership Program. Mr. Brown seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

[Vice-Chairman Loynaz returned to the meeting.]

#### **9. Approval – Florida Prepaid Scholarship Reallocation**

Vice-Chairman Loynaz introduced the item; Mr. Smith presented a request to reallocate \$445,802.69 in unused scholarship funds that were not distributed to student recipients. The annual review conducted by Big Brothers Big Sisters revealed that a significant portion of their funding remained unused. This occurred for various reasons, including



students receiving additional academic and athletic scholarships or support from other funding sources.

Staff recommends reallocating \$241,028 of these funds to the 5,000 Role Models of Excellence Project to support the purchase of 12 2-plus-2 plans. The remaining funds will be allocated to Big Brothers Big Sisters for the purchase of 28 two-year scholarships, totaling \$205,000, which will be awarded to future students.

Further discussion arose regarding the distribution of funds between the two organizations and the types of scholarships being purchased. Mr. Smith clarified that 2-plus-2 plans are more costly than 2-year plans. Typically, students in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program start with the community college track, while the 5,000 Role Models program encourages participants to strive for 4-year institutions from the outset.

**Motion:** Mr. Brown recommends approval to the board for the reallocation of an amount not to exceed \$445,802.69 in unused Florida scholarship funds to the 5,000 Role Models of Excellence Project and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami as so discussed in the agenda item. Mr. Brecheisen seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

## **10. Approval – WIOA Title I Youth Fourteen Elements Waiver Request**

Vice-Chairman Loynaz introduced the item; Mr. Beasley presented a waiver request to reallocate youth funding toward pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs without adhering to the 14 required program elements.

This waiver would allow Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) to concentrate on pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs without having to meet the compliance requirements for the 14 elements that are already inherently included in apprenticeship programs. The focus would shift from compliance to fostering economic mobility. Mr. Beasley mentioned that he discussed this idea with Mr. Henry Mack, Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor. Mr. Mack expressed his support for the idea and indicated that if CSSF submits the waiver, he would back the initiative.



The approval of this waiver would benefit not only the local workforce board but also workforce boards across Florida and the nation. If approved, the waiver would be integrated into the Request for Proposals (RFP) process for the next fiscal year.

**Motion:** Mr. Brechisen recommends approval to the board for the approve the submission of a waiver to the Florida Department of Commerce and CareerSource Florida, which would waive the current Youth Fourteen Elements requirement; Ms. Grice seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

Being as there were no further questions or concerns, the meeting adjourned at 9:41am.

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## **SFWIB GLOBAL TALENT COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL**

**DATE:** 4/16/2026

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:** 4

**AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT:** U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR LAUNCHES “MAKE AMERICA AI-READY” – FREE AI LITERACY COURSE FOR AMERICAN WORKERS

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** **INFORMATIONAL**

**RECOMMENDATION:** N/A

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** **IMPROVE SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS W/ BARRIERS**

**STRATEGIC PROJECT:** **Close the digital skills gap**

### **BACKGROUND:**

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) has launched “Make America AI-Ready,” a free, text-message-based AI literacy course designed to bring foundational artificial intelligence skills to American workers nationwide. The course requires no laptop or internet connection — workers can enroll simply by texting “READY” to 20202. The initiative was developed in partnership with edtech company Arist through the White House’s Pledge to America’s Youth, and aligns with both America’s Talent Strategy and the White House’s AI Action Plan. This announcement is being brought to the Executive Committee as an informational item given its direct relevance to workforce development programming across the South Florida region.

### **Course Overview:**

#### **1. Format and Accessibility**

The course is delivered entirely via text message — seven days, 10 minutes per day — requiring no laptop or internet connection. Workers enroll by texting “READY” to 20202. This mobile-first design is intended to close the digital divide that often leaves lower-wage or rural workers behind in upskilling initiatives, making it an accessible on-ramp for a broad range of job seekers, adult learners, and incumbent workers.

#### **2. DOL AI Literacy Framework – Five Core Competency Areas**

Course content is structured around the DOL’s newly released AI Literacy Framework, covering five competency areas:

- **Understand AI Principles** – Core AI concepts, capabilities, and limitations

- **Explore AI Uses** – Real-world AI tools and how AI complements human work
- **Direct AI Effectively** – Prompting and context-setting skills
- **Evaluate AI Outputs** – Assessing accuracy and relevance of AI-generated content
- **Use AI Responsibly** – Ethics, security, privacy, and accountability in AI use

### 3. **Relevance to SFWIB Workforce Programming**

For the South Florida Workforce Investment Board, this initiative represents a low-barrier, high-impact tool that can be promoted to participants across workforce programs including career centers, adult education, and employer partnerships. The course concludes by connecting participants to more advanced AI resources and career pathways, making it a natural first step within broader upskilling efforts. Staff will continue to monitor opportunities to integrate or promote this resource through existing programming.

**FUNDING:** N/A

**PERFORMANCE:** N/A

*NO ATTACHMENT*



## **SFWIB GLOBAL TALENT COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL**

**DATE:** 4/16/2026

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:** 5

**AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT:** NEW TRAINING PROVIDER SOUTH FLORIDA ACADEMY OF AIR CONDITIONING

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** **APPROVAL**

**RECOMMENDATION:** SFWIB staff recommends to the Global Talent and Competitiveness Council Committee to recommend to the board the approval of a new training provider along with their new program, as set forth below.

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** **BUILD DEMAND-DRIVEN SYSTEM W/ EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT**

**STRATEGIC PROJECT:** **Improve credential outcomes for job seekers**

### **BACKGROUND:**

In accordance with Section 122 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, regional workforce boards are permitted to independently develop criteria for the selection and subsequent eligibility of Training Providers and programs. The South Florida Workforce Investment Board (SFWIB) developed processes to evaluate an applicant's programmatic capabilities.

SFWIB staff completed the review process and recommends to the Council to approve the following new training provider and program additions.

1. South Florida Academy of Air Conditioning, LLC:
  - HVAC: Maintenance Technician
  - HVAC: Residential and Light Commercial Technician

The South Florida Academy of Air Conditioning offers two HVAC training programs designed to prepare students for entry-level careers in the HVAC field. The HVAC Maintenance Technician program is a 70-hour course completed over four weekends that teaches HVAC fundamentals, electrical troubleshooting, system maintenance, copper brazing, and servicing residential and light commercial air-conditioning systems while preparing students for the EPA Section 608 Technician Certification (Core and Type II). The HVAC Residential and Light Commercial Technician program is a more advanced 185-hour course with extensive hands-on training in system installation, refrigeration, wiring, troubleshooting, and repair of HVAC systems for residential and light commercial buildings, preparing students for the EPA Section 608 Technician Certification (Universal) and careers as HVAC service technicians or installation technicians. knowledge, and professional competencies necessary to enter the workforce, pursue certifications, or continue through apprenticeship and advancement pathways.

**FUNDING:** N/A

**PERFORMANCE:** N/A

*NO ATTACHMENT*



## **SFWIB GLOBAL TALENT COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL**

**DATE:** 4/16/2026

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:** 6

**AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT:** NEW TRAINING PROVIDER - OIC WORKFORCE ACADEMY

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** **APPROVAL**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends to the Global Talent and Competitiveness Council to recommend to the Board the approval of a new training provider, as set forth below.

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** **BUILD DEMAND-DRIVEN SYSTEM W/ EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT**

**STRATEGIC PROJECT:** **Improve credential outcomes for job seekers**

### **BACKGROUND:**

In accordance with Section 122 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, regional workforce boards are permitted to independently develop criteria for the selection and subsequent eligibility of Training Providers and programs. The South Florida Workforce Investment Board (SFWIB) developed processes to evaluate an applicant's programmatic capabilities.

SFWIB staff conducted a review of OIC Workforce Academy, and confirmed that the institution has been approved by the Florida Commission for Independent Education (CIE). However, the institution is currently pending issuance of the official CIE Certificate and CIE Approved Data. The OIC Workforce Academy submitted a CIE Summary Sheet indicating that the institution was recommended for annual renewal with conditions. Based on the review of the submitted documentation and the institution's current compliance status, staff recommends that the Council approve OIC Workforce Academy as a new training provider and approve its submitted programs for inclusion.

Request to be added as a New Training Provider and Programs:

1. OIC Workforce Academy:
  - CompTIA A+
  - Construction Operations
  - Warehouse Logistics

The CompTIA A+ Program is a 12-week, 300-hour course, including 50 lab hours, that trains students in computer technology and troubleshooting for the CompTIA A+ Certification exams. Topics include PC maintenance, networking, and security, with employment placement assistance available. The Construction Operations Program is a 12-week, 300-hour course, including 50 lab hours, focused on entry-level construction skills like masonry, carpentry, plumbing, and electrical work. Students learn through theory, hands-on practice, and lab simulations, with job placement support provided. The Warehouse Logistics Program is a 12-week, 300-hour course, including 50 lab hours, teaching supply chain principles, customer service, transportation, and warehouse operations. Graduates earn CLA/CLT certifications and receive employment placement assistance.

**FUNDING:** N/A

**PERFORMANCE:** N/A

*NO ATTACHMENT*



## **SOUTH FLORIDA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

**DATE:** 4/16/2026

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:** 7

**AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT:** NEW TRAINING PROVIDER - AWARD EXCELLENCE TRAINING INSTITUTE

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** **APPROVAL**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends to the Global Talent and Competitiveness Council to recommend to the Board the approval of a new training provider, as set forth below.

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** **HIGH ROI THROUGH CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT**

**STRATEGIC PROJECT:** **Improve credential outcomes for job seekers**

### **BACKGROUND:**

In accordance with Section 122 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, regional workforce boards are permitted to independently develop criteria for the selection and subsequent eligibility of Training Providers and programs. The South Florida Workforce Investment Board (SFWIB) developed processes to evaluate an applicant's programmatic capabilities.

SFWIB staff conducted a review of Award Excellence Training Institute, Inc. and confirmed that the institution has been approved by the Florida Commission for Independent Education (CIE). However, the institution is currently pending issuance of the official CIE Certificate and CIE Approved Data. Award Excellence Training Institute, Inc. submitted a Notice of Intent to Approve Licensure with Conditions and provided a written explanation indicating that performance data could not be submitted because the school is newly licensed and has not yet completed a full cohort cycle required to generate reportable outcomes. As a result, data related to completion rates, credential attainment, measurable skill gains, and employment placement are not yet available. Based on the review of the submitted documentation and the institution's compliance status, staff recommends that the Council approve Award Excellence Training Institute, Inc. as a new training provider and approve the submitted programs for inclusion.

Request to be added as a New Training Provider:

- Carpentry
- Electrical
- HVACR/Mechanical Technician
- Project Management

Carpentry, Electrical, HVACR/Mechanical Technician, and Project Management—designed to prepare students for entry level employment and career advancement in high demand fields. The Carpentry, HVACR, and Project

Management programs are 24 month, 648 hour programs combining classroom instruction with hands on training, while the Electrical program is a four year, 1,296 hour NCCER aligned program providing comprehensive technical and lab based instruction. Collectively, these programs equip graduates with industry relevant skills, safety knowledge, and professional competencies necessary to enter the workforce, pursue certifications, or continue through apprenticeship and advancement pathways.

**FUNDING:** N/A

**PERFORMANCE:** N/A

*NO ATTACHMENT*



## **SOUTH FLORIDA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

**DATE:** 4/16/2026

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:** 8

**AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT:** NEW TRAINING PROVIDER - SOLAR & SOLAR CDL SCHOOL

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** **APPROVAL**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends to the Global Talent and Competitiveness Council to recommend to the Board the approval of a new training provider, as set forth below.

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** **HIGH ROI THROUGH CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT**

**STRATEGIC PROJECT:** **Improve credential outcomes for job seekers**

### **BACKGROUND:**

In accordance with Section 122 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, regional workforce boards are permitted to independently develop criteria for the selection and subsequent eligibility of Training Providers and programs. The South Florida Workforce Investment Board (SFWIB) developed processes to evaluate an applicant's programmatic capabilities.

SFWIB staff conducted a review of Soler & Soler CDL School Corp, and confirmed that the institution has been approved by the Florida Commission for Independent Education (CIE). However, the institution is currently pending issuance of the official CIE Certificate and CIE Approved Data. Soler & Soler CDL School Corp. submitted a Notice of Intent to Approve Annual Renewal with Conditions. Based on the review of the submitted documentation and the institution's compliance status, staff recommends that the Council approve Soler & Soler CDL School Corp., as a new training provider and approve the submitted programs for inclusion.

Request to be added as a New Training Provider and Program:

1. Soler & Soler CDL School Corp.:
  - Class A: BTW - Public Road Range (Automatic)
  - Class A: BTW - Public Road Range (Manual)

The Class A BTW – Public Road and Range courses prepare students to safely and professionally operate Class A commercial motor vehicles, with options for automatic or manual transmissions. The Automatic course is a 115-hour program that combines hands-on driving and range training to build the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed for real-world operation, while the Manual course is a 140-hour program offering extensive hands-on practice to ensure students master control, proficiency, and safety when operating vehicles without the automatic transmission restriction.

**FUNDING:** N/A

**PERFORMANCE:** N/A

*NO ATTACHMENT*



## **SFWIB GLOBAL TALENT COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL**

**DATE:** 4/16/2026

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:** 9

**AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT:** SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF HOMESTEAD, OPA LOCKA AND MIAMI GARDENS

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** **APPROVAL**

**RECOMMENDATION:** SFWIB staff recommends to the Global Talent and Competitive Council to recommend the following to the Board; (1) the approval to accept general revenue funds in the amount of \$50,000 from the City of Homestead, \$50,000 from the City of Opa Locka and \$150,000 from the City of Miami Gardens for Summer Youth Employment Programs; (2) allocate matching funds of \$50,000 (City of Homestead), \$50,000 (City of Opa Locka) and \$150,000 (City of Miami Gardens) in TANF dollars; and (3) allocate the combination of said funds to the identified providers. as set forth below.

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** **DEDICATED COMMITMENT TO YOUTH PARTICIPATION**

**STRATEGIC PROJECT:** **Emphasize work-based learning and training**

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Cities of Homestead, Opa Locka and Miami Gardens have all agreed to continue their partnership with the South Florida Workforce Investment Board (SFWIB) to provide employment opportunities for up to 186 youth residents, 38 for the City of Homestead, 38 for the City of Opa Locka and 110 for the City of Miami Gardens. The SFWIB will provide summer job placement for youth between the ages of 15 to 18. Youth enrolled in the program will also receive employability skills training.

As part of the partnership, the cities will provide general revenue funds that will be matched by SFWIB Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds. The total amount being allocated for the program will be \$1000,000 each for the cities of Homestead and Opa Locka, and \$300,00 for the city of Miami Gardens. The program will provide entry-level positions with local businesses, public sector and community-based organizations within the respective cities.

The youth participants will earn \$14.00 per hour for a total of 140 hours, 20 of which is for work readiness training. Youth will also receive financial literacy training and information related to budgeting and investing.

Youth program providers will be responsible for administering the program, which includes payroll, recruitment, job placement, and work readiness training for each participant. The program is scheduled to take place beginning June 2026 through August 2026.

Staff recommends allocating \$100,000 in combined funding to Youth Co-Op to operate the City of Homestead's Summer Youth Program, an additional \$100,000 in combined funding to operate the City of Opa Locka's Summer Youth Program and \$300,000 in combined funding to Adults Mankind Organization, Inc. to operate the City of Miami Gardens' Summer Youth Program.

**FUNDING:** General Revenue and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

**PERFORMANCE:** N/A

*NO ATTACHMENT*