



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT

Date: May 5, 2010

TO: Members, Alameda County Board of Supervisors

From: Gail Steele *M.S.*

Subject: APPROVE THE USE OF DISTRICT 2 FISCAL MANAGEMENT
REWARD FUNDS (FMR) FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDEPENDENT
LIVING SKILLS PROGRAM (ILSP) GRADUATES

RECOMMENDATION:

It is requested that the Alameda County Board of Supervisors approve the use of District Two Fiscal Management Reward funds in the amount of \$20,000 to provide scholarships for graduates of the Alameda County Independent Living Skills Program (ILSP) Beyond Emancipation.

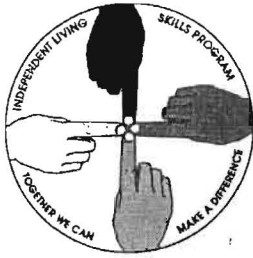
DISCUSSION:

Beyond Emancipation has the 501(c)(3) non-profit designation for the ILSP. The Independent Living Skills Program prepares high school students in foster care for the adult world, whether work or school. Without families to help them with college expenses, many students struggle tremendously to earn a living and stay enrolled in higher education.

The funds requested will supplement other scholarship funds raised for these deserving students. This year the scholarship will be awarded to foster care and probation youth who are earning their high school diplomas or GEDs and who have also completed nine months of weekly Independent Living Life Skills classes in this program.

FINANCING:

District Two has sufficient FMR funds to cover this amount.



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May 14, 2009

Dear Rozan,

I am attaching the letter from Beyond Emancipation requesting the grant for scholarships for our graduates. As the County liaison with Beyond Emancipation I work to make a seamless transition for our youth from foster care to successful emancipation. We are very excited that we have the highest graduation class ever at 139 graduates. We had 26 applicants for the scholarships in our Life Skills classes and the top 15 qualified for the ILSP scholarships that Supervisor Steele and the Board support us with. I am sure the recipients will be thrilled to receive their award on June 4th at the graduation. We are so excited that Supervisor Steele will be able to join us this year at the graduation.

Thank you again for your help and that of Supervisor Steele in helping our young people leaving foster care to continue their education.

Sincerely,

Kenneth D. Shaw Jr.

Kenneth D. Shaw, Jr.
ILSP Supervisor

Request for Scholarship Grant

2010

May 14, 2010

Supervisor Gail Steele

Alameda County Board of Supervisors

1221 Oak St., Suite 536

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Dear Supervisor Steele:

This year Alameda County ILSP will be having its 22nd Annual Graduation at the Oakland Airport Hilton on Friday night, June 4th. We have 139 foster care and probation youth who are earning their high school diplomas or GED's and who have also completed nine months of weekly Independent Living Life Skills classes in the program. Many have already been accepted into four year colleges including: UC Santa Cruz, Humboldt State, Holy Names College, UC Santa Barbara, S.F. City College, and Cal State East Bay.

All members of the senior class were invited to apply for scholarships by submitting an application, a copy of their transcript, two letters of recommendation, and an essay describing their plans for the future. The deadline for submitting the applications was February 25th. Nineteen seniors submitted scholarship applications and their essays were read and scored by independent readers, from the Board of Beyond Emancipation. Those receiving scholarships from ILSP will be announced at the ILSP graduation and they will receive their scholarship after enrolling in college this fall.

For the past several years your office has been instrumental in securing a \$20,000 grant for these scholarship awards. We would sincerely appreciate your help again this year in securing this grant to help these worthy young people pursue their goal of higher education. I am enclosing a copy of the 501©3 letter the ILSP Auxiliary (doing business

as Beyond Emancipation) for your files. Please find attached a list of the names of youth awarded a scholarship and the amount.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your service to Alameda County as a member of the Board of Supervisors and specifically your concern for youth in the foster care system and those that emancipate.

Thanks again,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick McCracken". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "M".

Rick McCracken

Executive Director

Beyond Emancipation

2010 ILSP Scholarship Awards

Name	School Attending	Amount
• Ashardee Chambers	CSU East Bay	\$2500.00
• Ozzie Maynard	CSU East Bay	2325.00
• Tiffany Peterson	CSU East Bay	2325.00
• Ryan Hodge	Diablo Valley Com. College	1800.00
• Chaquita Ingran	Holy Names University	1800.00
• Alexandria Keaton	San Francisco Com. College	1800.00
• Brittany Gale	Cuesta Community College	1000.00
• Ioana Okuda	Los Positas Com. College	1000.00
• Mikayla Ballard	Los Medanos Com. College	800.00
• Gregory Clifton	Chabot Community College	800.00
• Vincianna Reed	Diablo Valley Com. College	800.00
• Daniel Stovall	Contra Costa Com. College	800.00
• Serina Gonzales	Chabot Community College	750.00
• Daneisha Combs	Chico State University	750.00
• Josephina Mariscal	Merritt Community College	750.00