

Attachment A

Three Major Criteria for Planning Grant Award

What is the capacity of the Youth Council to implement this project or how will the local board work with the Youth Council on this project ?

20 Points

Central to implementing this new vision for serving youth is the establishment of the local Youth Council, an integral part of the local board. Youth Council members are called upon to (1) serve as advocates for youth in the local area; (2) ensure the provision and coordination of workforce investment activities available to youth in a local area; and (3) address the overall delivery and coordination of services from across all local, State and funding streams.

- Describe the composition of your Youth Council and how it brings together individuals from a range of local programs and policy areas who can affect the success of young people in the labor market and beyond.
- What are your Youth Council’s vision, goals and objectives and long-term plan?
- Describe your Youth Council’s staffing?
- Are there additional responsibilities designated to the Youth Council that go beyond the legally required responsibilities of the Youth Council?
- If the Youth Council does not have the capacity to implement this project, the Local Board should describe how it will work with the Youth Council on this project.

What is the existing One-Stop system in the community and the need to enhance youth connections and access to this system?

30 Points

The One-Stop service delivery system envisioned in the Act will effectively connect the broad range of workforce services available in a local area.

- Describe the existing One-Stop system in your community.
- Identify One-Stop centers, satellite centers and electronic connections.
- Describe existing One-Stop connections to youth such as: employer and provider linkages among local youth-serving agencies and other agencies; how service strategies between youth program operators and other One-Stop partners are shared; and outreach efforts such as establishing linkages with schools and community-based youth-serving organizations.
- Identify efforts underway or planned to enhance connections to youth.
- Identify the challenges your community faces in linking and enhancing youth services through the One-Stop system.

What strategic planning and other activities will be conducted with the grant?

50 Points

- Provide a description of strategic planning and other activities that are being proposed to support enhancements and innovations that link youth and youth activities to the One-Stop system?

[The discussion of strategic planning activities should address the following areas: (1) marketing and outreach strategies to recruit youth to use One-Stop systems; (2) referral and communication systems to link youth programs to One-Stop centers; (3) operations and staffing to support youth; (4) enhancing One-Stop center facilities and self-help services to tailor them to youth; and (5) creating employer and provider linkages among local youth-serving agencies and other agencies within the One-Stop system. In communities with Job Corps centers, these planning activities should also address strategies for linking Job Corps with the One-Stop system.]

- Describe the organizational and management structure for the project that includes key staff members.
- Provide a timeline that indicates when specific tasks will be initiated and completed.