

Board Inquiry Log- Road to Licensure Presentation 8/27/2024

Questions from the Board

Staff Findings

How can the “Road to Licensure” be duplicated or expanded?	Depending on the program conceptual options approved by the Board, fee waiver subsidies, equipment grant subsidies, and education workshop conceptual options can all be duplicated and expanded readily County-wide.
Why did we opt out of the Micro-Enterprise Kitchen Operation policy?	To adopt this policy in the County, all cities need to agree to opt-in. There was a high associated cost to run EH enforcement. Additionally, EH staff expressed food-safety and inspection concerns at an earlier Board presentation.
Will Street Food Vendors utilize this proposal?	Since the 2023 YCEH workshops were previously successful at issuing CMFO permits to six previously unpermitted food vendors, staff believes that there is an interest in participating in these opportunities to become fully licensed.
Has there been outreach conducted to the vendors?	A rough outreach protocol has been discussed. Next steps require consultation with County Counsel and Environmental Health staff before implementation. Outreach efforts for program participation would take place in November.
Can the County apply for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Program (WIOA) for funding?	A meeting was arranged with HHSA staff to inquire further into WIOA funding prospects. Staff communicated that WIOA is a limited source of funding meant to be used for job searching and basic training for employment.
What is prohibiting current enforcement?	The City of Woodland has verbally commented on the possibility for consistent police presence for EH inspectors carrying out enforcement.

<p>Where is the vendors' interest or stake in the proposal?</p>	<p>The revised Conceptual Options List includes an option in which the County would cover the full amount of a commissary operator for the first 3 months of an annual pilot program and food vendors would pay \$500 each month for the remaining 9 months.</p>
<p>Should you need to demonstrate need to receive government subsidy?</p>	<p>Staff have come up with potential Fee Waiver Program Criteria to participate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local Residency requirement 2. Federal Poverty Guidelines for income criteria 3. CMFO equipment Plan Review submission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Limited to CMFO food vendor applicants. 4. Completion of other business registration processes.
<p>What are the full associated costs for the program?</p>	<p>The full cost-estimate amounts are displayed in the Conceptual Options List for Board consideration. These numbers account for one-time costs, annual costs, soft-costs, and subsidy amounts. The Commissary Operator costs and associated soft costs can be scaled to meet alternative timelines and preferences recommended by the Board.</p>
<p>How can we reduce the costs?</p>	<p>To reduce the Commissary Operator cost, other kitchen locations were investigated such as the St. Francis Church. EH confirmed this is not a viable option because the kitchen space is unpermitted and has no plans for permitting. Alternative funding sources such as ARP and WIOA were also investigated.</p>