

**7.C Acceptance of the WIA Performance Incentive Grant – (Action)**

(Approve Recommendation from Finance Committee)

The Board has been awarded a WIA Performance Incentive Grant from the Department of Workforce Development in a joint application with the South Central Workforce Development Board. Through partnerships with technical colleges, school to work programs and El Centro and United Migrant Opportunity Programs, the Board will work to provide applied basic education programs for manufacturing. The grant funds will also assist in preparing the area to develop Manufacturing Skills Standard Centers and provide funds to train adult and dislocated workers in Critical Core Manufacturing Skills through the Technical Colleges. The grant will provide funds to continue to work with employers to understand internal career ladders within advanced manufacturing, and identify the fundamental skills workers need to be industry ready. Finally the funds will be used to create more awareness of manufacturing careers in the high schools through partnerships with the local school to work programs and by providing assistance to students for completion of the Critical Core Manufacturing Skills program available through the Technical Colleges.

Board action on the recommendation is requested.