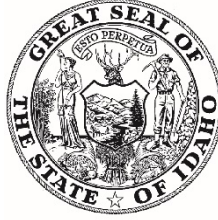


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Grant Review Committee Meeting Minutes – August 24, 2021

Committee Members: Brian Cox, Jake Reynolds, Jay Larsen, Jeff Greene, Jenni Bradford, Joe Maloney, Kelly Kolb, Michelle Stennett, Rico Barrera, Sarah Griffin

Staff: Amanda Ames, Caty Solace, Jeffrey Bacon, Matthew Thomsen, Paige Nielebeck, Stacy James

Guests:

Called to order at 2:07 p.m.

Welcome

Roll Call – Quorum not met

Review Agenda – No changes to the agenda

Elevate Academy - Industry Sector Grant

Elevate Academy is headquartered in Caldwell, Idaho and is building a new facility in Post Falls. The grant request is specific to the new Post Falls site and seeks funding for equipment and personnel for the new career education school. The mission is to connect the dots between education and career opportunities for participating students; targeting 6th-12th grade student population meeting the states at-risk qualifications. In as early as three years, a new pipeline of highly skilled, employable workers will be available to fill the unmet manufacturing, construction, healthcare and hospitality demands in Northern Idaho.

WDTF Request: \$869,956

Discussion:

Does the school have employer partnerships in the community?

- Community partners and employers include industries from Construction, Welding/Manufacturing, Business/Marketing, Health Professions, Culinary Arts, Drones/Technology, and potentially Aerospace
- Key contributor – Albertson Foundation
- Received \$8.7million in matching funds for a project
 - \$5.6 million in kind and \$2.2 million in cash

- Elevate Academy facilitates both education and career opportunities through three (3) engagement channels: youth apprenticeships, career education outreach on available careers, and employers to partner as mentors.

What has been the efficacy of similar programs in contributing qualified candidates to the workforce?

- Mr. Thomsen will provide metrics at the next meeting.

Committee Meeting Quorum

Does the committee meeting time need to be changed to gain consistency in quorum?

- A survey will be sent out to Committee Members for alternative meeting times to bolster attendance.

Will there be sufficient time to review current grants in September?

- Existing grants will be moved to the next meeting for review.

Meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.