

Project Description: STEM/WDC Externship Pilot (Additional Funding)

Externships are a transformative experience for educators and students that can change classroom dynamics and show students potential local career opportunities. Through externships, educators spend time in a workplace to learn through experience about trends, skill requirements and opportunities in industries. This pilot program will place fifteen K-12 additional public Idaho educators in externships with relevant local businesses, agencies and research laboratories, identified by Idaho STEM Action Center (STEM AC) and Workforce Development Council (WDC), for six weeks during the summer. Participants receive a stipend for their work and time. Educators will return to their classrooms in the fall with new ways to connect classroom content with students' future career interests and will be able to help students develop the needed skills to prepare for being part of Idaho's workforce.

Budget: Asking approval for an additional \$25,000 Workforce Development Outreach Funds making total investment in project \$50,000

Outcomes:

Entity responsible for tracking and reporting: Workforce Development Council

What is the potential for increasing the awareness of careers for Idahoans? High.

What is the Anticipated Reach of the Project? Thousands of Idaho youth. And hundreds of educators/counselors via the presentations participants will give statewide.

What are the anticipated project outcomes? To provide a work-based learning experience for the participants to enrich their ability to provide guidance to students regarding the opportunities that lead to in-demand careers.

What metrics and or reports will be delivered to the committee? A financial report of costs expended, a presentation of results, all collected metrics STEM AC will collect data and information from participating educators through the application, final surveys and informal discussions with participants. STEM AC will compile participant feedback and metrics into a report to be submitted to WDC in January 2020. WDC will survey participating employers. Materials will be created to allow the program to be replicated in the following year.

Metrics of success:

- Number of educators that complete the program.
- Number of educators that report an improvement in their teaching practices by incorporating new knowledge, labor market information, and employment skills that meet current industry standards.
- Number of educators that report sharing their experience and knowledge with their students, peers and administrators.
- Number of students that report an increase in career awareness and interest.

Outreach Committee Project Proposal Budget

Description	Amount/Value	Source
Educator Stipend	13 @ \$5,000/each = \$65,000	\$25,000 from STEM AC and \$50,000 from WDC
Grant Coordinator/Data Analyst (Cristina)	150 hours @ \$35/hr = \$5,250	STEM AC - inkind
Grant and Contract Analyst (Stephanie)	40 hours @ \$20/hr = \$800	STEM AC - inkind
Educator Support Coordinator (John)	200 hours @ \$35/hr = \$7,000	STEM AC - inkind

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Totals	
In-Kind	13050.00
Match	25000.00
Original Grant Request	25000.00
Supplementary Request	25000.00
Total Project budget	88050.00