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## **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

317 W Main Street, Boise, Idaho 83735-0510

### **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 has built a new facility in Coeur d'Alene. The grant request is specific to the new Coeur d'Alene 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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 demands in Northern Idaho.

**WDTF Request: \$869,956**

Discussion:

Does the employer have 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.**