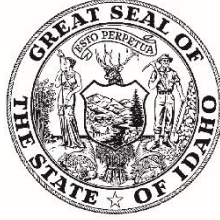


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## **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

514 W Jefferson St, Ste 131, Boise, Idaho 83702

### **Child Care Expansion Grant Review Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Friday, October 20, 2023  
**Time:** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**Committee Members:** Sarah Griffin, ~~Emily Allen~~, ~~Anna Almerico~~, Renee Bade, Martin Balben, Ben Davidson, ~~Lori McCann~~, Caroline Merritt

**Staff:** Wendi Secrist, Amanda Ames, Jenny Hay, Denise Hill

**Guests:** Terry Thueson, Kreative Kids Academy; Lori Fascilla, Giraffe Laugh; Colleen Braga, Boys & Girls Club of Ada County

**Called to order at 9:07 AM.**

**Welcome**

**Roll Call** – Quorum Met

**Review Agenda** – No changes to the agenda.

**Review October 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion by Ms. Renee Bade to approve the October 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes as written. Second by Mr. Martin Balben. Motion carried.**

#### **\*Funding Recommendations for Public Safety Applications**

- National Law Enforcement Foundation
  - Request \$3M
  - 100 seats
  - Rubric score 28
- The Valley Learning Center
  - Request \$450,034
  - 142 seats
  - Rubric score 20

Discussion:

\$3M available

Applicants are serving 2 separate Public Safety entities, one Police, one Fire

Both Ada County

National Law Enforcement Foundation also serving Canyon County

Both could move forward if requests were reduced.

One Option to fund 1 only, put Valley Learning Center into pool of general applicants.

National Law Enforcement Foundation hours are 17 per day.

The Valley Learning Center hours are 12 per day.

National Law Enforcement Foundation all slots for first responders.

Valley Learning allotted only 22 spots for first responders.

National Law Enforcement Foundation \$30,000 per seat.

Valley Learning Center \$3600 per seat

The Valley Learning Center is not applying directly for Public Safety, saw Fire as a partner.

**Motion by Mr. Martin Balben to recommend funding the National Law Enforcement Foundation at their full request amount moving The Valley Learning Center request to the general application pool. Second by Mr. Ben Davidson. Motion carried.**

***\*FY2024 Child Care Expansion Grant Applications***

**Amanda Ames**

- Future Leaders Academy, LLC
  - Started their review at the last meeting.
  - Eligibility met.
  - Lease in place (Oct 1)
  - 2 partners
  - Canyon County
  - Spanish immersion
  - Hours 6 AM – 7 PM, open to additional
  - \$15 – 22/ hr.– reimbursement for job related expense
  - Current center in Ada County
  
- Giraffe Laugh
  - Tie to Ada County Boys & Girls Club
  - Separate project but in conjunction with their request
  - Facility would be in the Ada County Boys & Girls Club.
  - Giraffe Laugh will not move forward if the Boys & Girls Club request is not funded.
  - Renee Bade will abstain from scoring due to her relationship with Giraffe Laugh
  - Caroline Merritt will abstain from both Giraffe Laugh and The Boys & Girls Club request due to her relationship with them.
  - Scoring for Giraffe Laugh will be moved to the next meeting due to lack of committee attendance and the abstentions.
  
- Boys and Girls Club – Ada County
  - Received \$450,000 in FY23 which was partial award from their full request.
  - This request is new but for the same project as FY23.
  - Construction has not started.
  - Good employer partnerships
  - Canyon County

- Hours are 6 AM – 7 PM
  - \$14/hr. – health insurance, retirement, paid time off
  - Adding 800 after school spots
- Lincoln County
  - Not enrolled in Steps to Quality, said it didn't pertain to their project.
  - Strong partnerships
  - 6 AM – 6 PM, intend to extend.
  - Currently \$12.14 w/creative benefits (free childcare/ life flight), intend to pay \$14.
  - Verify existing funding – Amanda will check treasury guidance.
    - The CCEG funding cannot be used as match for other funding.
- Wilder Elementary
  - Existing building
  - No renovations, supplies only.
  - Good partner support, Micron support for STEM, YMCA (site at Wilder Elementary for after school), United Way, Casey Families
  - Gross Farms has a garden on school property, will be used for the Pre-K as well.
  - Full day program, currently half day only
  - Canyon County
  - Hours 7:40 AM – 3:15 PM, then YMCA for after school
  - No income other than grants and donations
  - \$12/hr. – free healthcare, retirement, paid time off

**Committee Discussion**

**All**

- Many more applications to be scored in the general pool as Committee moves forward for the remainder of the year.
  - Jenny will send it out next Thursday.
- Start with Giraffe Laugh next meeting.
- Next meeting, need to decide on what to do with FY23 reverted funds.
  - Apply to partially funded applicants or add to FY24 funds for new applicants.
  - 3 applicants have applied that were partially funded.
  - \$1.1M in funds potentially available

**Unanimous Consent Motion by Mr. Martin Balben to adjourn.**

**Adjourn 10:45 AM**