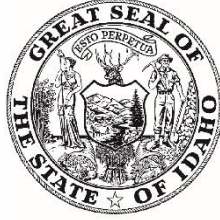


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## **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

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

### **Grant Review Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, October 24, 2023

**Time:** 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

**Committee Members:** Brian Cox, Jake Reynolds, Jay Larsen, Jeff Greene, Joe Maloney, Kelly Kolb, Rico Barrera, Adrian San Miguel, Amanda Logan

**Staff:** Denise Hill, Matthew Thomsen, Elaine Zabriskie, Thomas Morrison, Sherawn Reberry

**Guests:**

**Called to order at 3:25 p.m.**

**Welcome**

**Roll Call** – Quorum met

**Review Agenda** – No changes

**Review September 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion by Mr. Jay Larsen to approve the September 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes as written. Second by Mr. Brian Cox. Motion carried.**

**WDTF Financial Summary**

**Matthew Thomsen**

- Funding is available for all grant requests
- WDTF requests are \$483,749.52
- Stem supported requests are \$1,711,756.11

**WDTF Grant Requests**

**Kelly Kolb**

**University of Idaho 4-H Industry Sector Grant**

Through the Learn Everywhere with 4-H program, youth can earn in-school credit, for out-of-school learning. Learn Everywhere with 4-H extends learning opportunities to youth that participate in 4-H out-of-school programs by developing life skills and bringing in career awareness. The program targets 7-12 grade youth enrolled in public schools, by providing hands-on, practical experience to build and expand the youth's marketable soft skills for career, vocation, and/or educational paths after high school. It is

imperative for youth to learn life skills, such as planning, focus, self-control, awareness, and flexibility during adolescence and before they venture on their own. Youth participating in 4-H can select what they learn, through a menu of course options available to them, overseen and taught by 4-H professionals and volunteers that are knowledgeable in the chosen subject areas. By the end of the course, youth will have increased their content knowledge of their chosen subject/course (i.e., animal science: nutrition, facilities, reproduction), but also have practiced building and refining their soft skills (professionalism, work ethic, communication, collaboration skills, problem-solving skills, etc.).

**WDTF Request: \$761,209.81**

**Motion by Mr. Brian Cox to recommend approval of the University of Idaho 4-H Industry Sector Grant in the full amount of \$ 761,209.81 to the Executive Committee. Second by Ms. Amanda Logan. Motion carried.**

### **Idaho Out-of-School Network Innovation Grant**

The Idaho Out-of-School Network (ION) plans to provide 20 hours of pre-apprenticeship training to 150 secondary-school level youth and place them as STEM Ambassadors with employers in afterschool programs, summer camps, public libraries, and community schools. In addition, pre-apprentices will gain 80 more hours of direct work experience (100 total) mentoring younger youth with Idaho's Think Make Create (TMC) mobile makerspaces and Idaho science standards aligned curriculum. ION will also provide 20 hours of on-the-job training to 100 existing employees of afterschool, summer camps, public libraries, and community schools to become STEM Supervisors followed by 80 hours supervising pre-apprentices. STEM Supervisors will work at TMC Works sites overseeing STEM Ambassadors leading hands-on STEM activities with youth. TMC Works will prepare 250 trainees either for apprenticeships in child development, new apprenticeship pathways, and future careers in child development, education, and STEM-related industries. TMC Works will also expand the impact of the mobile makerspace program by teaching STEM activities to K-8th youth in schools, afterschool programs and at community events.

**WDTF Request: \$950,546.30**

Discussion:

- Scored low last review, sent back for adjustment.
- Response received to all requests.
- Pre-apprenticeship focus
- State-wide initiative
- Other states want to replicate this initiative.
- Average wage \$23 after pre-apprenticeship
- Scoring medium alignment.

**Motion by Mr. Kelly Kolb to recommend approval of the Idaho Out-of-School Network Innovation Grant for the full amount of \$950,546.30 to the Executive Committee. Second by Ms. Amanda Logan. Motion carried.**

### **Premier Technology Employer Grant**

Premier Technology located in Blackfoot, Idaho is engineering, manufacturing, fabrication and construction company who primarily services the food and beverage, nuclear, mining, federal and commercial services industries. Premier will add 85 new employees and retrain 160 current employees during the grant period. Most of the training will focus on training employees with skills needed in tig and arc welding. Quality Inspectors, Machinists, Electricians, Project Managers, Engineers, Drafters and Designers will also receive training under the grant. Electricians and welders will be trained using the US DOL Registered Apprenticeship Program.

**WDTF Request: \$428,749.52**

**Motion by Mr. Joe Maloney to recommend approval of the Premier Technology Employer Grant for the full amount of \$428,749.52 to the Executive Committee. Second by Ms. Amanda Logan. Motion carried.**

#### **Idaho Nonprofit Center Innovation Grant**

Based on data collected from member nonprofits and from INC's own State of the Nonprofit Sector report, the top four gaps in skills/competencies for nonprofit professionals were a) Nonprofit Financial Management Skills, b) Nonprofit Communications and Public Relations Skills, c) Nonprofit Administration (executive leadership) Skills, and d) Nonprofit Fundraising Skills. To meet this need, INC is applying for an Innovation Grant to further develop and expand access to related professional development tracks available to Idaho's nonprofit professionals (statewide).

**WDTF Request: \$55,000.00**

**Motion by Mr. Joe Maloney to recommend approval of the Idaho Nonprofit Center Innovation Grant for the full amount of \$55,000.00 to the Executive Committee. Second by Ms. Amanda Logan. Motion carried.**

**Unanimous Consent Motion by Mr. Joe Maloney to adjourn.  
Meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.**