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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 PM

Council Committee Members: Deni Hoehne, John Young, Joe Maloney, Kelly Kolb, Sarah Griffin, Scott Bedke

Guests: Bailey Woolf, Benn Brocksome & Associates

Staff: Wendi Secrist, Denise Hill, Sherawn Reberry, Stacy James, Rebecca Watson, Matthew Thomsen, Kimberly Gardner

Call to Order at 2:04 PM

Welcome

Deni Hoehne, Chair

- **Roll Call, quorum not met action items to be pushed.**
- Review Agenda
- Introduction Eileen Gardiner, Financial Specialist focusing on Launch

****Review March 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes – pushed.***

Budget Report

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- Luma financials are up to date we now have March numbers
- WDTF
 - Good on budget
 - Rentals/op leases
 - \$55K office construction hit this year
 - No interest yet
 - Interoffice bills are flowing
- WIOA
 - On track
- YARG
 - Spending down
 - May have \$30K left to not over-obligate
- AARPA
 - Adult Launch
 - All funds obligated, closed until July 1
 - CHIPS Act Projects

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- On Track
- Child Care Grants
 - On Track
 - Wonderschool – Payment 1 and 2 of 3 have been made, on track for additional 25 participants for final payment
- Student Launch
 - On track
- CNA Study
 - Almost wrapped up
 - 100K should come back to the general fund

****WDTF Grant Requests - Pushed***

Matt Thomsen

- ***Boise School District, Dennis Technical Education Center Industry Sector Grant***

Dennis Technical Education Center (DTEC) will double the capacity of their welding program using this grant. Currently, the program is forced to turn away over 50% of interested students due to capacity limitations, and this expansion will both alleviate that limitation and allow the program to complete necessary updates. By purchasing new equipment and securing a dedicated instructor for the Welding III classes, this project will allow program graduates more time for hands-on practice and ensure that each student is equipped with the cutting-edge skills they need to succeed in a rapidly modernizing field.

Funding Requested \$325,972.00

- Project will fall under the STEM-Focused funding
- Boise School District is the applicant with the project taking place at Dennis Technical Education Center.
- 87% Consensus Score

- ***Boise State University Industry Sector Grant***

This project will scale the training space available at Boise State University for BSU degree-seeking students, CWI and CSI technician students, and Chip Camp participants in grades 8-12. The project will triple clean room space, moving from 5 students to 15 at a time. This efficient, flexible space will allow students to gain proficiency on industry-relevant equipment and help to supply the 900 technicians and additional 900 engineers/scientists that will be needed in the Micron expansion. This project has the support of major regional semiconductor manufacturers and will collaborate with community colleges to ensure good access to training facilities for the community. Additionally, a reasonable plan exists to sustain the project beyond the lifespan of this grant using a combination of student fees and endowment funds.

Funding Requested \$1,759,695.01

- Project will be funded through ARPA dollars

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- Equipment costs are around \$400K with a match for equipment around \$3M
- This project increases the capacity for training students, but also for training those currently in the industry
- 75% Consensus Score

2024 Legislative Session Update

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- Session has ended
- HB722
 - State employee raises up to 3%
 - 3 Positions approved
 - Reappropriation of funds from
 - ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund for WDTF & Child Care grants
 - In-demand Careers Fund for Launch grants
 - WDTF for Semiconductor grants
 - Reappropriation of possibly \$2M of the \$5M from
- HB741
 - Modifications to the Launch Statute
 - Coursework must be aligned to career
 - In-demand careers
 - Positive economic output & increase economic mobility
 - Number of job openings
 - Rate of job growth
 - Length of job training
 - No masters degree or above
 - Awards must be announced by Dec 31st and no later than June 30th
 - Additional prioritization can be based on financial need
- ****Burning Glass Institute Proposal - pushed***
 - Presenting Framework for Policy committee review
 - In Demand Career Matrix
 - How to score with new language from the legislature
 - Like quantitative model for employer grants
 - 5 Data Elements
 - Annual wages – source BLS & Lightcast
 - Transferability of Skills –source LQ, US Dept of Commerce
 - Only one aspect
 - Annual number of opens – source BLS, Lightcast
 - Type of credential
 - Length of training program – shorter timeframe, the higher the score
 - Points assigned to each piece

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- Lightcast data updated every 2 weeks
- BLS updated every 2 years
- Why Burning Glass
 - Mobility is still not understood, how to understand the value of the credential
 - They can provide economic mobility information
 - It is expensive, but appropriate
 - Governor's office and Representative Petzke
 - Supportive
 - Holding judgement on Matrix until the meeting next week
 - Many things the research will help state with outside of LAUNCH
 - We have the funding available for the cost

Idaho LAUNCH Update

Sherawn Reberry

- Adult LAUNCH
 - Currently closed until July 1
 - Continuing to work with applicants prior to closure on April 1
 - From inception to present, provided \$7.4M in grants
- Student LAUNCH
 - 13808 applications to date
 - Postcard reminders to complete applications by April 15th sent
 - Top 12 programs remain constant
 - 4-year schools show the highest interest, BSU and U of I at the top
 - Cosmetology tops the Workforce Training

June Council Meeting Agenda Ideas

Deni Hoehne

- Location former HP Campus (State of Idaho West Campus)
- Ideas for the agenda
 - Industry Sector – Hospitality
 - Launch participant
 - Sun Valley Culinary
 - Tom Kealy's team - Idaho travel council, tourism in Idaho
 - Panel of employers who are ahead /skilled AI
 - DOW, MS, how they are preparing workers to use AI
 - 1 local example of transfer – Aptitech(sp?)
 - Any connection to DOW in the group?
 - BSU prof presentation chat GTP (Sarah Nash – state wide mtg)
 - Corsair webinar – Deni
 - DOW in Burley (Styrofoam insulation)

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- When we trained folks through LAUNCH, are there issues with getting employment
 - Things we can do to facilitate that final connection to the job
- Pause – look at charter, what were we about? Time to revisit?
- 1.5 on hospitality, 2 grants, a couple WIOA, ID career Matrix,
- Breakouts – after lunch
 - Rotate stations
- Legislators report out
 - State of
 - Reputation
 - Could or shouldn't do

Executive Director's Report

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- June Executive Committee Meeting
 - Week after the Council meeting
 - Grant committee planning the 4th or the 6th all-day
 - Keep June 13th
 - CCEG & Grant – extend meeting or WDTF in June, CCEG in July
 - CCEG funding mtg to be scheduled
 - Keep separate
 - Funding for CCEG in June
 - **Executive Committee follow up call for today's actions & grants**

Executive Committee Open Discussion

All

- Deni article "what happens when employers provide childcare"

Adjourn

Adjourn 3:23 PM