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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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Grant Review Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Time: 3:00 – 4:30 PM

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

Staff: Denise Hill, Matthew Thomsen, Elaine Zabriskie, Rebecca Watson

Guests:

Called to order at 3:03 p.m.

Welcome

Kelly Kolb, Chair

Roll Call – Quorum met

Review Agenda – No changes

Review June 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Ms. Logan to approve the June 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Second by Mr. Greene. Motion carried.

WDTF Financial Report

Matthew Thomsen

- 29 grant applications reviewed in 2024 due to Micron support compared to 19 in 2023
- 3 additional grants for review coming
 - Externs – \$750K set aside from STEM – \$50K for the next 3 yrs
 - If Micron signs off Council will review
 - Remaining funds balance would move to Adult LAUNCH possibly
- Discussion:
 - Proposing go-forward schedule for Grant review Committee
 - Aug. Sept. Oct. – review grant applications
 - Nov. – hold spots for possible re-review
 - Dec. Jan. no meetings
 - Feb. Mar. Apr. – review grant applications
 - May – hold spots for possible re-review

- Jun. Jul. no meeting
- Help bank funds to keep from splitting years
- Matt working on forecast of funds with Wendi, will review next meeting

***WDTF Grant Requests**

Kelly Kolb

• **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.

Amount Requested: \$1,759,972.44

Discussion:

- Application being resubmitted after approval by the Executive Committee due to an issue with matching funds
- Resubmitted application is slightly higher, with a lower matching fund amount
- Being submitted as a new grant
- 300 to 313 receiving training
- 220 through CHIP camp
- Match is a combination of cash and in-kind which is allowed per policy. However, it does not meet the 25% cash or 100% in kind requirement. There is additional match provided by the University that is coming from other federal grants. BSU is not able to use this in the budget as funding for this project would come from ARPA funds.
- 75% Consensus Rubric Score

Motion by Mr. Larsen to recommend the Boise State University Industry Sector Grant application be approved for the amount of \$1,759,972.44 . Motion second by Ms. Logan. Motion carried.

• **Nez Perce – Innovation Grant**

The Nez Perce Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance Office (TERO) worked with Idaho Business for Education Youth Apprenticeship Program to create a Tribal Youth Apprenticeship Program (TYAP) in 2023. Through this project, TERO's plan to partner with Baker Technical Institute (BTI) will shorten approximately 1000 of training into a five-week training. The TYAP program, taking place on the Nez Perce reservation, will train a total of 40 apprentices through 2 cohorts. The training will count towards the first year of the apprentices Registered Apprenticeship program. The Nez Perce Tribe has partnered with construction industry partners, including union partners, to tailor BTI's training to skills needed in the construction industry.

Amount Requested: \$390,000

Discussion:

- Returned to applicant by Executive Committee for additional detail
- Revised application focuses strictly on construction training related to the Construction Laborer Registered Apprenticeship Program
- Reviewed as new grant, project has been revamped

- Condensed 1000 hours to 5 weeks, combined with on-the-job training
- Received letters of support from JATC
- Dollars going directly to the training
- 64% Rubric Score

Motion by Mr. Reynolds to recommend the Nez Perce Innovation Grant be approved for the amount of \$390,000. Motion second by Ms. Logan. Motion carried.

Boise State University – Innovation Grant

This project aims to address critical workforce development needs in Idaho by offering Google Career Certificates in Project Management and Data Analysis. Roles such as Project Managers, Project Coordinators, Junior Project Managers, Data Analysts, Budget Analysts, Market Researchers, and Data Coordinators will be targeted for this project. The project targets small business employers and aims to enhance the skills of their current and prospective employees, thereby increasing economic mobility, wage gains, and job retention. BSU will training 22 over the 12-month grant period. 12 of the 22 program participants will receive a scholarship to attend the training.

Amount Requested: \$18,480

Discussion:

- In person support
- There are letters of support from 9 industry partners who will send employees to this program
- Most grant funds go toward paying for the training cost for the participant
- This is a pilot, but BSU intends to grow the program if there is a need.
- 79% Rubric Score

Motion by Mr. Greene to recommend the Boise State University Innovation Grant be approved for \$18,480. Second by Mr. Reynolds. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Logan. Second by Mr. Mendoza.

Meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.