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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Friday, September 27, 2024

Time: 3:00 – 4:30 PM

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

Staff: Wendi Secrist, Sherawn Reberry, Matthew Thomsen, Amanda Ames, Elaine Zabriskie, Rebecca Watson, Stacy James, Kimberly Gardner, Jenny Hay

Guests: Hope Morrow

Call to Order at 3:03 PM

Welcome

Deni Hoehne, Chair

- Roll Call
- Review Agenda
- ***Review August 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Kelly Kolb to approve the August 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes as written. Second by Sarah Griffin. Motion carried.

WDTF Grants

- ***Industry Sector Grant - Boise State Clean Room**

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 \$1,759,972.44

Discussion:

- Federal funding can't be used as match funds for other Federal funding, which is why this needed to be rewritten and resubmitted.

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Motion by Sarah Griffin to approve the Boise State Clean Room Industry Sector Grant for \$1,759,972.44. Seconded by Kelly Kolb. Motion carried.

- ***Innovation Grant – Nez Perce Tribe Youth Apprenticeship**

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.

Funding Requested \$390,000.00

Discussion:

- The traditional industry standard of 1000 hours over 6 months were condensed by this program to only 200 hours over 5 weeks.
- Baker Technical Institute is providing the training.
- HEO certification, OSHA certification, HAZMAT first responder training, among many others, along with workforce skills training.

Motion by Sarah Griffin to approve the Nez Perce Tribe Youth Apprenticeship Innovation Grant for \$390,000.00. Seconded by Kelly Kolb. Motion carried.

- ***Innovation Grant – Boise State Google Certifications**

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.

Funding Requested \$18,480.00

Discussion:

- Coursera membership is \$399/year, and sometimes go on sale.
- Tested the model, accountability made a big difference in finishing.

Motion by Sarah Griffin to approve the BSU Google Certification Innovation Grant for \$18,480.00. Seconded by Kelly Kolb. Deni Hoehne opposed. Motion carried.

***In-Demand Career Matrix Update**

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The methodology for the In-Demand Careers List was approved at the 9/11/24 Council Meeting. Hope Morrow explained the shift to weighted Projected Job Openings and Average Annual Openings, and other categories at 20% each. She explained the decision to make these updates. There is no perfect solution to getting all the occupations we want and not the ones we do not.

Motion by Kelly Kolb to adopt the discussed changes to the In-Demand Careers Matrix for Idaho Launch. Sarah Griffin seconded. Motion carried.

***Idaho LAUNCH Student/Adult Allocations**

- The WDC is continuing to award the ARPA funding to students.
- If the available funding exceeds eligible students, the Executive Committee may approve reallocating up to \$10 million to the adult Launch program.
- A consortium of private providers sent a letter to all the Idaho legislators asking for Idaho Launch for adults to be prioritized.

Motion by Sarah Griffin to approve the reallocation of up to \$10 million from the Student Launch program to the Adult Launch program. Seconded by Kelly Kolb. Motion carried.

Childcare Expansion Grant Committee Recommendations

- ***CEEG Project Modification Request – Whole Child**
- Whole Child LLC Request for Modification Overview – Whole Child added Personnel and Fringe to Scope of Work, as well as moving some funding to Supplies and Equipment. This is a reallocation, not a new award.

Motion by Kelly Kolb to approve. Second by Sarah Griffin. Motion carried.

- ***Funding Recommendations for Reverted Grant Funds**
- Tiny Tots Daycare and Preschool and Land of the Littles are unable to continue with their grant so \$438,619.00 will revert back to the FY2024 CCEG Budget.
- Lollipop Land, Kreative Kids Academy, Future Leaders Academy LLC, and Nampa School District DBA Endeavor Academy are the highest scoring projects which could be recipients of these reverted funds.

Motion by Sarah Griffin to approve these adjustments. Seconded by Kelly Kolb. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report

- Monthly Budget Report
- Natcast Grant shifting to the Idaho Technology Council. Diane Bevan is
- Other Grant Submissions
- October Executive Committee Meeting may be forgone.
- Council Member Appointments & Executive Committee Membership –
 - Ed will not accept an appointment to the council.
 - Sarah Griffin will be appointed as Vice Chair.
 - Hope Morrow will be appointed to Executive Committee next month.

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- 2025 Proposed Council Meeting Dates
 - March 12, 2025
 - June 11, 2025
 - September 10, 2025
 - December 10, 2025

Executive Committee Discussion

- Virtual meeting in December is on the table.

Motion by to adjourn by Kelly Kolb. Seconded by Sarah Griffin.

Adjourned at 4:16 PM