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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, November 25, 2024

Time: 9:00 – 9:45 AM

Council Committee Members: Deni Hoehne, Joe Maloney, Kelly Kolb, Sarah Griffin, Scott Bedke, Hope Morrow

Staff: Sherawn Reberry, Matthew Thomsen, Denise Hill, Elaine Zabriskie, Stacy James

Guests:

Call to Order at 9:05 PM

Welcome

- Roll Call
- Review Agenda

Deni Hoehne, Chair

***WDTF Grants for Approval**

**Kelly Kolb,
Grant Review Committee Chair**

BSU Operation Cyber Idaho Innovation Grant

The Boise State University Operation Cyber Idaho program offers a valuable Work-Based Learning opportunity for community college and university students in Idaho's IT and cybersecurity programs. This initiative aims to cultivate a strong cybersecurity talent pool by developing a workforce that meets current demands. Focusing on talent sourced from Idaho's academic institutions, the program places students in state, county, and city government roles. These placements involve key tasks such as cyber operations, technical debt remediation, system hardening, regulatory compliance, cyber policy development, and IT/cyber project management. Through internships and apprenticeships, students gain hands-on experience that transforms them into skilled cybersecurity professionals. By collaborating with the State of Idaho's Information Technology Services and the Division of Human Resources, BSU will target internships and apprenticeships that establish a robust cybersecurity workforce pipeline for state agencies and local governments. BSU will utilize the funding to place 16 students throughout the duration of the grant.

- Amount Requested \$151,025.38
 - Score 82%

Motion by Mr. Kolb to approve the BSU Operation Cyber Idaho Innovation Grant in the amount of \$151,025.38 as recommended by the Grant Review Committee. Second by Mr. Maloney.

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- Discussion
 - Funds to students in stipend, 16 @ \$17.26 x 480 hours
 - Public sector apprenticeship program is under development
 - How is stipend is paid? BSU/ITS would work with partners to pay individuals going forward
 - Builds on what is being done

Motion carried.

ISU Culinary Innovation Grant

Idaho State University, in partnership with local employers, has created a Culinary Skills Program to address the shortage of qualified food service job candidates in their community. The 12-week program will provide individuals with essential culinary skills and knowledge, preparing them for a career in the food service industry. The program is broken out into 4 phases that include basic skills training, advanced skills and leadership training, practical application, and internship and community integration. ISU will train 30 at-risk participants, selecting participants who might not be able to cover costs associated with training. Grant funds will go towards personnel, equipment, and training materials.

- Amount Requested \$24,996.40
 - Score 64%
 - WDTF funds to personnel and equipment

Motion by Mr. Maloney to approve the ISU Culinary Innovation Grant in the amount of \$24,996.40 as recommended by the Grant Review Committee. Second by Mr. Kolb. Motion carried.

- Discussion
 - 30 employers supporting project
 - \$850 tuition
 - Past investments in similar programs seem to be working
 - Credential piece unclear, training provides a pipeline to local restaurants beyond fast food
 - Focus is on at-risk candidates

Motion Carried.

Unanimous consent motion to adjourn by Mr. Kolb. No objections.

Adjourned at 9:21 AM