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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

514 W Jefferson St, Ste 136, Boise, Idaho 83702

Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Time: 9:30 – 10:15 AM

Committee Members: Anna Almerico, Janelle Culley, Allison Duman, Megan O'Rourke, Jeff Tucker, Bill Reagan, Amanda Logan

Staff: Sherawn Reberry, Denise Hill, Wendi Secrist, Chad Lahti, Tina Polishchuk

Guests:

Call to Order at 9:30 a.m.

Bill Reagan, Chair

Roll call

Review Agenda

***Review of Outreach Grant Submitted**

Sherawn Reberry

Cascade Workforce Awareness & Career Pathways Initiative: Preparing a Rural Workforce for Growth

The Cascade Chamber of Commerce proposes a comprehensive Workforce Awareness & Career Pathways Initiative designed to prepare the Cascade and Valley County region for significant economic growth, including business and workforce demands driven by tourism and population growth. As a rural community, Cascade faces both an opportunity and a challenge: ensuring that local students, residents, and businesses are aware of and prepared for emerging career pathways, education opportunities, and contracting potential so that economic investment remains local and strengthens the community long-term. This project aligns workforce, education, and economic development systems through awareness, engagement, and action implementation strategies.

This project will focus on education, outreach, awareness, and implementation through developing and building:

- Pathways for students to achieve the next level of education and/or careers
 - Community members to upskilling and career transition opportunities
 - Employers to workforce development tools, and apprenticeship models
 - Businesses to contracting readiness, growth and expansion leading to more workforce opportunities
 - Through coordinated outreach, employer engagement, and community education, the Chamber will serve as a central connector, ensuring that workforce, education, and business community economic development efforts are aligned.
- Amount Requested: \$56,000.
 - Response to additional supplemental information request:
 - Challenge to identify employers, based on education provided
 - Hit on all important issues to Council
 - Great community program
 - Over 2 years, \$29.5 year 1, \$26.5 year 2

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Motion by Ms. Duman to approve the Cascade Workforce Awareness & Career Pathways Initiative in the full amount of \$56,000 over 2 years. Second by Ms. Logan.

Motion by Ms. O'Rourke to adjourn. Second by Ms. Duman. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 9:42 a.m.