



May 14, 2015

Senator Richard Devlin, Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Representative Peter Buckley, Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court Street NE
H-178 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request

The Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development (CCWD) is requesting approval to apply for a \$168,417 U.S. Department of Labor Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Transition Activities grant. These funds may be used for WIOA implementation activities including training of front-line staff, convening boards and supporting planning, transitioning to serving out-of-school youth, and assessing and improving state IT systems.

The significant grant information includes:

- Source of the grant: U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration
- Amount being requested: \$168,417
- Purpose of the grant: This grant will be used to help fund transition from the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act that was signed into law on July 22, 2014 and takes effect July 1, 2015.
- Grant application deadline: May 20, 2015
- Description of any state match required, source of state match, and description of impact: Matching funds are not required for this grant
- Additional FTE required: Current staffing will be used for the program.
- Description of how the grant supports the agency mission and goals: It's for implementation of the WIOA. There are significant costs associated with the successful implementation of WIOA, both at the state and local level. Funds from this grant will assist CCWD in that mission.

Agency Actions

CCWD was informed of this grant on May 11, 2015, which has an application deadline of May 20, 2015. This is not a competitive grant but is allotted by U.S. Department of Labor using a formula in order to guarantee that each state has a minimum level of funding for WIOA transition activities. The agency will need to prepare a budget and application for this funding but has not yet because of the short time frame between receipt of the attached Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) and notification to the legislature of the opportunity.

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Action Requested

CCWD is requesting official approval to apply for the \$168,417 US Department of Labor Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Transition Activities grant under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Dislocated Worker National Reserve Technical Assistance and Training Funds.

Legislation Affected

This request is to obtain permission to apply for a federal grant which does not require an ORS statute, appropriation bill, or chapter law to be revised if the request is approved.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Commissioner

cc: Ken Rocco, Legislative Fiscal Office
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