

ANALYSIS

Consent Agenda – Various Agencies Requests for Approval to Apply for Federal Grants

The following three state agencies seek retroactive approval to submit grant applications to various federal agencies. Retroactive approval is necessary for grant applications with deadlines that fell before the submittal dates for the September 2023 meeting of the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means and for which prior legislative approval has not been obtained. All agencies submitted advance notification to legislative leadership of their intent to apply for the grants, as required by the Department of Administrative Services and the Legislative Fiscal Office.

Item 5: Higher Education Coordinating Commission - Dislocated Worker Training

Analyst: Kim To

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the Department of Labor (DOL), Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training (QUEST), Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Workers (NDWG) grant program in the amount of \$5,000,000 to distribute to workforce community partners to provide employment and career training services to dislocated workers, particularly pandemic impacted workers, to secure high-quality jobs in growth industries including infrastructure, environment and climate, and the care economy.

Analysis: The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) notified the Legislature of its intent to apply for this funding on July 13, 2023. The Commission submitted the grant application on July 27, 2023, prior to the application deadline of August 4, 2023. On September 15, 2023, HECC received notice that funding has been approved and the agency will distribute the funding to the nine Oregon Local Workforce Investment Boards on a reimbursement basis. HECC does not anticipate needing additional Federal Funds limitation to disburse the grant. There is no match requirement, and HECC will use existing staff and resources to administer these grants.

Item 8: Department of Education – Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Analyst: Julie Neburka

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), in the amount of \$20,872 over a period of two years to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in youth facilities.

Analysis: On June 16, 2023, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) provided ten-day notification to the Legislature of its request to apply for re-allocated grant funds from OJJDP, which made \$632,566 available nationally for two-year awards to states to invest in strategies that will ensure a state's compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act. If awarded, ODE will pass the funds through to the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), which will use the funds to supplement that agency's program to install

cameras in OYA juvenile close custody facilities. There is no required state match. ODE is the applicant for this grant is because the Youth Development Council, which oversees and directs ODE's Youth Development Division, is the federally designated State Advisory Group for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's policies and funding opportunities.

Item 16: Department of Public Safety Standards and Training – State Fire Training Systems

Analyst: John Terpening

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in the amount of up to \$20,000 for the 2023 State Fire Training Systems grant program.

Analysis: The State Fire Training Systems grant program is designed to provide professional development for the fire and emergency response personnel community. The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) has successfully applied for this annual grant since 2011 and will utilize the funds to deliver a variety of National Fire Academy endorsed classes to career and volunteer firefighters throughout the state as part of their continuing education. The grant has no state match requirement. DPSST provided notice of its intent to apply on June 27, 2023 and submitted an application on July 7, 2023, prior to the grant opportunity closing on July 10, 2023.

Recommendation: The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means approve the requests to apply for federal grants, en bloc, with the understanding that if the funds are awarded the agencies will return to the Legislative Assembly for approval of any necessary Federal Funds or Federal Funds as Other Funds expenditure limitation and position authority.



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August 15, 2023

Senator Elizabeth Steiner, Co-Chair
Representative Tawna Sanchez, Co-Chair
Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means
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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) is requesting retroactive approval to apply for a federal funding opportunity from the Department of Labor (DOL) under the Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant (DRNDWG) umbrella. These grants were previously called National Emergency Grants (NEG). This request is for the Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training (QUEST) Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant. The opportunity was announced through the DOL Training and Employment Guidance Letter 2-22, released May 5, 2023. This opportunity is competitive and will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. Successful applicants will propose projects that include strategic partnership development or expansion, community and participant outreach, business engagement, employment and comprehensive career and training services for dislocated workers, particularly COVID-19 impacted workers and those who lost their jobs due to foreign trade.

The application deadline was August 4, 2023. DOL will award funds to responsive, high-quality applications on a first-come, first-serve basis while funding remains available. Available funds for this grant may be depleted by other unforeseen NDWG funding needs, such as natural disasters and national emergencies.

Agency Action

After submitting a 10-day letter of notification on July 13, 2023, HECC applied for \$5 million in federal funds on July 27, 2023. The proposal from Oregon focuses on providing training for those impacted by COVID-19, under-represented populations and those displaced by foreign competition. This work aligns with our mission to equitably improve postsecondary training opportunities. The proposal also emphasized the importance of providing comprehensive, necessary supportive services, including childcare, transportation, housing, mental health supports, and other allowable services to program participants to enable them to successfully complete grant activities and meet their planned employment and training goals.

Most of the funds will be granted out to the nine Local Workforce Investment Boards (WIB's) in Oregon. HECC will be using current staff to manage the work. HECC already manages National Dislocated Worker Grants through Oregon's WIB's and does not foresee a need to request further expenditure limitation to

use these funds. There is no match required and the period of performance is three years from receipt of funds. They will be granted on a reimbursable basis.

Attached to this request are letters of support from Portland's Worksystems Inc. and Clackamas' Workforce Partnership. There is no known opposition to applying for these funds.

Action Requested

HECC requests retroactive authority to apply for a grant in the amount of \$5 million from DOL.

Legislation Affected

None.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ramona Rodamaker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ramona Rodamaker, Deputy Executive Director
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July 3, 2023

RE: Letter of Support for USDOL QUEST Grant Application

Dear Grant Review Committee,

I am writing on behalf of Clackamas Workforce Partnership to support for the State of Oregon's application to the U.S. Department of Labor's Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training (QUEST) Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs) funding opportunity. I wholeheartedly endorse Oregon's proposal, which aims to focus on infrastructure and the clean economy, while providing crucial services to dislocated workers. I am particularly pleased to see the incorporation of the Governor's priorities within the proposal, including efforts to build more housing, reduce homelessness, improve access to mental health and addiction services, and enhance educational opportunities for Oregon's children.

Clackamas Workforce Partnership is deeply committed to serving the needs of dislocated workers and all the people in our community. We recognize the critical importance of expanding opportunities and pathways into high wage/high demand occupations. By sharing our expertise and disseminating the knowledge gained from our collaboration, we can empower Oregonians to secure quality jobs, promote economic equity, and address critical societal challenges while improving access to essential services and investing in the well-being of our community.

Clackamas Workforce Partnership's extensive network of community-based workforce development partners has consistently demonstrated its impact in addressing these challenges. Through our collaboration with the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization, Clackamas Community College, Clackamas Education Service District we have successfully developed and implemented many job training and employment initiatives that have shown promising results. We are committed to disseminating these initiatives to other regions, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange to promote job quality and economic equity statewide.

In conclusion, I urge the Grant Review Committee to consider the immense potential and benefits that the State of Oregon's proposal holds. The QUEST DWG offers a unique opportunity to focus on infrastructure and the clean economy, while simultaneously providing vital support to dislocated workers. Clackamas Workforce Partnership along with our partners, is fully committed to leveraging our experience and building a more prosperous Oregon.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you require any additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bridget Dazey".

Bridget Dazey
Executive Director
Clackamas Workforce Partnership



July 11, 2023

Subject: Letter of Support for Oregon's USDOL QUEST Grant Application

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To coordinate a regional workforce system that supports individual prosperity and business competitiveness.

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Dear Grant Review Committee,

I am writing this letter to express my strong support for the State of Oregon's application to the U.S. Department of Labor's Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training (QUEST) Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs) funding opportunity. I wholeheartedly endorse Oregon's proposal, which aims to focus on infrastructure and the clean economy, while providing crucial services to dislocated workers. I am particularly pleased to see the incorporation of the Governor's priorities within the proposal, including efforts to build more housing, reduce homelessness, improve access to mental health and addiction services, and enhance educational opportunities for Oregon's children.

Worksystems, is deeply committed to serving the needs of dislocated workers. We recognize the critical importance of expanding opportunities and pathways into high wage/high demand occupations. By sharing our expertise and disseminating the knowledge gained from our collaboration, we can empower Oregonians to secure quality jobs and promote economic equity.

The proposed QUEST DWG presents an invaluable opportunity to make significant strides in infrastructure development and the clean economy. We fully support the utilization of these funds to provide essential services to dislocated workers, thereby ensuring their smooth transition into quality jobs. Furthermore, we are particularly enthusiastic about the Governor's emphasis on key areas, such as housing, mental health, addiction services, and education. By embedding these priorities into the proposal, we can address critical societal challenges, such as homelessness, while improving access to essential services and investing in the well-being and future prospects of Oregonians.

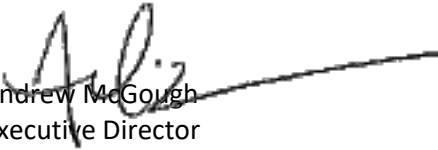
Worksystems' extensive network of community-based workforce development partners has consistently demonstrated its impact in addressing these challenges. Through our collaboration with the Immigrant Refugee and Community Organization, the Urban League of Portland, Central City Concern, the Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center, Latino Network, SE Works, Our Just Future and the City of Portland, we have successfully developed and implemented a Clean Energy Sector Strategy supported by the Portland Clean Energy Fund. The program is providing career coaching, training, and job placement services in the Clean Energy Sector for low-income and underrepresented communities. The Portland Clean Energy Fund requires that participating businesses pay prevailing wages, so program participants are connected to family-sustaining jobs. We are committed to disseminating these initiatives to other regions, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange to promote job quality and economic equity statewide.

In conclusion, I urge the Grant Review Committee to consider the immense potential and benefits that the State of Oregon's proposal holds. The QUEST DWG offers a unique opportunity to focus on infrastructure and the clean economy, while simultaneously providing vital support to dislocated workers. By embedding the Governor's priorities in the proposal, we can address pressing challenges related to housing, homelessness, mental health, addiction services, and

education. Worksystems, along with our partners, is fully committed to leveraging our experience and disseminating our successful quality jobs initiatives to other regions, thereby fostering economic equity and building a more prosperous Oregon.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you require any additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Andrew McGough
Executive Director
Worksystems



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Tina Kotek, Governor



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Dr. Charlene Williams
Director of the Department of Education

August 21st, 2023

The Honorable Senator Elizabeth Steiner, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Tawna Sanchez, Co-Chair
Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court Street NE
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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Department of Education, on behalf of the Youth Development Division, is requesting retroactive approval to apply for the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Reallocation Funds grant per the invitation from Liz Ryan, Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

The source of the grant opportunity is the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Department of Justice. The amount requested is \$20,872. The purpose of the grant is to achieve state's compliance with Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). This will support YDD's mission in achieving the state's compliance with PREA and will protect children in OYA custody from harm and ensuring state's availability to receive other funds from the OJJDP. The grant application deadline was June 26, 2023. ODE submitted the 10-day notice of intent to apply to DAS CFO and LFO on June 16th, 2023.

Action Requested

ODE-YDD requests retroactive approval to apply for the above grant in the amount of \$20,872 from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).

Legislation Affected

If approved and funds are received, ODE will use existing Federal Fund limitation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Charlene Williams, Director Oregon Department of Education

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August 22, 2023

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Joint Committee on Ways and Means
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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) requests retroactive approval to apply for a federal grant of up to \$20,000 from the 2023 State Fire Training Systems Grant Program under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Background

The primary goal of the State Fire Training Systems Grant Program is to promote the professional development of the fire and the emergency response community and its allied professionals and support state and local training organizations in fulfilling their obligation to career and volunteer fire and emergency services.

If DPSST is a successful recipient of this award, the agency would deliver a variety of National Fire Academy classes and National Fire Academy endorsed classes to career and volunteer firefighters around the state.

There is no state match requirement.

Agency Action

The application period for the 2023 State Fire Training Grant Program closed on July 10th, 2023, and DPSST submitted the application on July 7th, 2023. If the award is granted, DPSST will request up to \$20,000 in Federal Funds expenditure limitation at the next meeting of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means or Emergency Board.

Action Requested

DPSST requests retroactive approval to submit a grant application to the 2023 State Fire Training Systems Grant Program under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Legislation Affected

Senate Bill 5533, 2023 Legislative Session.



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Sincerely,

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