



SPOKANE WORKFORCE COUNCIL

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SPOKANE WORKFORCE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

AUGUST 19, 2020 – 12:00-12:30 PM

Spokane Workforce Council – 140 S Arthur St, Suite 300C
(Meeting held electronically via Zoom)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Duron	Dan Evans	Kelley Halverson	Commissioner Josh Kerns
Tina Morrison	Mayor Nadine Woodward	Ron Valencia, designee for Commissioner Kerns	Diana Wilhite

MEMBERS ABSENT

Machelle Johnson	Staci Franz	Tim Sigler, designee for Mayor Woodward
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GUESTS PRESENT

John Dickson

STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Mattke – Chief Executive Officer	Dawn Karber – Chief Operations Officer	Angela Maioriello – Office Assistant
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Chair Dan Evans called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM with a quorum of members present.

ITEM #1 – GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Two new grants were recently awarded to the SWC and the committee reviewed each for approval.

The CARES Act grant is a federal grant awarded by the City of Spokane to assist customers who have been economically impacted by COVID-19 to pay up to 80 % of 4 months of unpaid rent or mortgage expenses dating back to April 1st, 2020 and through October 2020.

Individuals are eligible based on living in City of Spokane, income being below 80% Area Median Income (AMI) (\$40,000 for individuals and \$57,350 family of 4) and having been directly economically impacted by COVID-19.

The funding cannot be used for any overdue fees and landlords must agree to waive tenant fees and other penalties, not pursue eviction for 6 months after receiving assistance except for specified causes.

The grant total is \$822,000 which includes program delivery, admin and direct rental payments. The grant will terminate on October 15th, 2020 unless funds are exhausted before that date.

The SWC also requested to subcontract \$818,000 to Career Path Services to deliver services at the Spokane Resource Center. The subcontract will include 4 new staff positions funded through the grant period ending October 15th, 2020 and training will begin immediately.

COVID-19 Employment Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant

Washington State was a successful bidder for a second National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG) from the U.S. Department of Labor to address the COVID-19 emergency. Funding is being dispersed to all 12 Local Workforce Development Boards in Washington and managed by the Employment Security Department.

Whereas the first NDWG we received was focused on immediately responding to the crisis in our community, this project is focused on our area's long-term recovery and provides resources to re-train workers who lost their jobs due to this crisis into opportunities in the emerging economy and what will be in-demand moving forward.

The grant total is \$1,028,933 and the timeline lasts through March of 2022.

The SWC requested to subcontract \$821,040 to the WorkSource Consortium (Career Path Services and Employment Security Department). \$207,893 will remain at our level to cover overhead and admin costs, as well as support our program management team salaries.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Action: Motion and Second to accept \$822,000 CARES Act award from City of Spokane and subcontract \$818,000 to Career Path Services from the CARES Act grant from the City of Spokane. Approved unanimously.

Voted to accept \$1,028,933 in Dislocated Worker Grant funding from the Employment Security Department and subcontract \$821,040 to the Spokane WorkSource Consortium. Approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Addition of \$1,850,933 to the operating budget.

Chair Evans and CEO Mattke officially welcomed Ms. Kelley Halverson to the Executive Committee. This was her first meeting since being elected Vice Chair of the board and her commitment to serving in this role is much appreciated.

Meeting adjourned at 12:16 PM.