



SPOKANE WORKFORCE COUNCIL

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
SPOKANE WORKFORCE COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

June 27th, 2024
Meeting held via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT

Christina Vigil Gross
Kim Watkins
Tina Morrison
Kelley Charvet
Ron Valencia

STAFF PRESENT

Mark Mattke
Jeanette Facer
Jessica Clayton
Kevin Williams
Mustafa Baigzad

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor Lisa Brown
Commissioner Josh Kerns
Steve MacDonald
Robert Duron
Diana Wilhite

Chair Christina Vigil Gross called the meeting to order at 12:02 P.M.

ITEM #1 - REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

Christina Vigil Gross - Board Chair

Review of May 22th, 2024, Meeting Minutes.

Action: Motion and second to approve Meeting Minutes from May 22th, 2024.

Approved unanimously.

ITEM #2 – Grants and Contracts

Jessica Clayton, Division Executive Program & Development

State Economic security for All FY25

The Economic Security for all (EcSA) program, begun as a pilot project in 2019, has grown and expanded significantly over the past several years and is now codified in State law, helping ensure we will receive a state-funded EcSA contract annually for the foreseeable future. Spokane's state-funded award has increased modestly from the FY24 contract, and we are looking forward to using the increase to expand the EcSA program into Next Generation Zone for the first time. This will give more access to the Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF) incentives to our youth participants (State EcSA enrollment is a requirement to receive incentives) it will also allow us to use the State EcSA funding as match for our new Basic Food Employment sustainability in a very tight federal funding environment.

Additionally, the existing EcSA team, previously located at the Resource Center of Spokane County (RCSC), has been incorporated into the Continuous Engagement (CET) and France and Resource

Management (FRM) teams at WorkSource, and will continue to be funded by this grant, and others, in a co-enrollment setting. We are also exploring adding ESD back into the State EcSA consortium model. ESD has only been funded by our Federal EcSA contract to-date. Spreading state EcSA across all teams that are also funded by WIOA will help to increase access across our entire campus to participants who need additional services, including CRF incentives, and provide sustainable funding for all our teams.

We are seeking approval to accept this funding from the Employment Security Department and to subcontract to the Spokane Worksource and Next Generation Zone Consortiums as outlined below. The new state law has re-defined some of the EcSA terms, also outlined below. The grant has a timeline of July1, 2024- June 30, 2025.

- Total contract: \$851,934 (subcontract \$673,156)

FAP E&T SFY25 Award

The SWC has been awarded \$160,000 from DSHS of which \$145,000 will be subcontracted out to Career Path Services to help with food Assistance Program Education and Training, focusing on serving refugee and immigrant customers with increased funding for staff time and supportive services.

Action: Motion and second to approve the following:

- Vote to accept an additional \$851,934 in Economic Security for All State funds from ESD and subcontract \$673,156 to the WorkSource and Next Generation Zone Consortium.
- Vote to accept \$160,000 from DSHS for ORIA E&T program and subcontract up to \$145,000 to Career Path Services.

ITEM #3 – ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES

Mark Mattke, Chief Executive Officer

Mark provided updates on the WIOA and discussed legislative concerns regarding the WIOA reauthorization bill, emphasizing the potential impacts on local workforce systems. He also spoke about the efforts to support refugees and immigrants in Spokane, including the work of organizations like World Relief, which are seeking grants to improve workforce development and assist newcomers in connecting with employment and training opportunities.

Chair Christina Vigil Gross adjourned the meeting at 12:21 P.M.