

MINUTES OF THE SWIC GRANTS COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 15, 2010

INDIANA GOVERNEMENT CENTER SOUTH

10 N. SENATE AVENUE – ROOM 301C

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

Members Present were Representative Randy Borrer; Kent Morgan; Jac Padgett (Chair); Kathy Metcalf; Pete Kissinger. Also in attendance from the Department of Workforce Development were Scott Sanders, Chief Financial Officer and Randy Gillespie, Director of Budget and Accounting.

Mr. Padgett called the meeting to order at 10am and recognized there was a quorum present.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Committee began by reviewing draft procedures for requesting funds from the Grants Committee. Rep. Borrer commented that he had concern that we are not inviting proposers to the committee meetings and that the appeal process of 60 days is too long. The Committee acknowledged these concerns and agreed that they need to know if a denial of funding will be recommended by DWD prior to the monthly meeting so that the proposer can be invited to the committee meeting to discuss their needs.

The committee discussed the need for the proposers to be notified of the meeting when their grant request will be heard. Mr. Gillespie noted that the procedures define when the request will be heard and that the meeting agenda is posted to the public.

Mr. Padgett made a motion to accept policy and procedures as amended by the committee. Rep. Borrer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (See attached policy).

A discussion was had regarding the standing grants committee meetings to be held every 4th Thursday and it was agreed that the next meeting will be March 25th. Mr. Morgan noted that if a meeting of the committee was needed in short order that it would be possible to have a meeting organized on short notice, after proper public notice.

Mr. Padgett wanted to ensure that proposers would receive a timely response to the outcome of their request. Mr. Gillespie confirmed that the proposers would be notified within one week of the decision being made. Rep. Borrer asked if the committee could grant a request for more than \$1 million subject to the approval of the full SWIC. Mr. Sanders noted that the committee is authorized to fund up to \$1 million and that any request more than that amount could be approved by the committee but the final approval would be subject to the full SWIC for the amount over \$1 million.

REVIEW OF GRANT REQUESTS

Region 2 - Mr. Gillespie presented DWD's recommendation to provide supplemental Workforce Investment Act ("WIA") funds for Region 2's (North Central Indiana) request of \$1,285,092 at the \$750,000 level. Rep. Borrer commented that he is concerned that people in Region 2 are not being enrolled in training and made a motion to fund \$950,000 and seek the full SWIC approval of the full amount of the request. Mr. Padgett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (see attached recommendation and request for funds).

Region 3 - Mr. Gillespie presented DWD's recommendation to provide supplemental WIA funds for Region 3's (Northeast Indiana) request of \$1,298,713 at the \$750,000 level. Mr. Morgan asked about the types of training programs that are provided in Region 3. Mr. Sanders discussed the strong relationship with Ivy Tech Community College and their commitment to advanced manufacturing training. Mr. Gillespie spoke of the strong relationship that Region 3 has with the local economic development council ("LEDC") and discussed how the training being provided in that region is designed to meet the needs of the companies as identified by the LEDC. Rep. Borrer confirmed the strong ties to LEDC in Region 3 and spoke of his satisfaction with the relationships and cooperation. Mr. Padgett asked if Region 3 provides the highest number of individual training accounts. Mr. Gillespie responded that they do provide numerous individual training accounts but comparative data was not immediately available. Mr. Kissinger asked if Region 2 might be able to follow the same model as Region 3. Mr. Sanders responded that the Regional Operator for Regions 2 and 3 are the same, and that similar practices are now occurring in Region 2.

Rep. Borrer made a motion to change the recommended funding to \$950,000 with the full amount of the request being granted subject to the full SWIC approval. Mr. Padgett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (see attached recommendation and request for funds).

Region 5 - Mr. Gillespie presented DWD's recommendation to provide supplemental WIA funds for Region 5's (Central Indiana) request of \$675,000 at the full amount. Mr. Morgan asked if the unemployment has stabilized in Region 5. Mr. Sanders commented that there is a pattern of manufacturing companies announcing layoffs but continue operations without laying off as many workers as announced, and are pushing layoff dates back.

Rep. Borrer made a motion to approve the full request of Region 5. Mr. Morgan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (see attached recommendation and request for funds).

Region 7 - Mr. Gillespie presented DWD's recommendation to provide supplemental WIA funds for Region 7's (West Central Indiana) request of \$445,000 at the full amount. Mr. Padgett commented that the layoffs by Pfizer continues to affect Region 7 and will occur in May 2010. Mr. Sanders commented that building renovations at the Region 7 WorkOne office in Terre Haute have improved efficiency and customer flow in that office.

Ms. Metcalf made a motion to fund the full request made by Region 7. Mr. Kissinger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (see attached recommendation and request for funds)..

Region 9 - Mr. Gillespie presented DWD's recommendation to provide supplemental WIA funds for Region 9's (Southeast Indiana) request of \$633,000 at the full amount. After further discussion, Rep. Borrer made a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Morgan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (see attached recommendation and request for funds).

Region 11 - Mr. Gillespie presented DWD's recommendation to provide supplemental WIA funds for Region 11's (Southwest Indiana) request of \$388,894 at the full amount. Ms. Metcalf asked if Whirlpool has been certified for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA). Ms. Metcalf made a motion by to accept proposal. Mr. Kissinger seconded the motion. Rep. Borrer asked why the proposal by Region 11 was reduced from their original proposal. Mr. Sanders noted that the request was reduced as there were items originally requested in the grant that will not be utilized such as a program provided by Monster.com that is very similar to services already provided by IndianaCareerConnect.com and that the costs associated with the need are reduced due to involvement by the Union Hall and the donation of space. Motion passed unanimously (see attached recommendation and request for funds).

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON FUNDING

Rep. Borrer asked about Rapid Response Funding and Governor's Discretionary funding. Mr. Gillespie explained the intended uses of the federal funding and how the allocated amounts are derived.

Ms. Metcalf asked if Workforce Investment Act ("WIA") funds can be carried over from year to year. Mr. Gillespie explained that the funding is received each year and can be used over a three year period with guidelines on annual expenditure rates.

Rep. Borrer asked if any WIA funds have been reverted to the Federal Department of Labor in the past three years. Mr. Sanders discussed the nationwide rescission of approximately \$330 million of WIA funds for program year 2006 and that Indiana's portion of the rescission was approximately \$11 million.

Mr. Kissinger asked about the DOL's announcement of \$10 million in additional funding and if we monitor or take into consideration other funding resources that grant proposers may take advantage of. Mr. Gillespie commented that we are aware of the funding in each Region and that their need for funding is compared to the funding that is currently available to the proposer.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 11:25am.