

Federal Grant Application Request

Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Transition Activities Grant

Analyst: Doug Wilson

Request: Authority to apply for a federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Transition Activities Grant in an amount of \$168,417.

Recommendation: Approve the Request.

Analysis: The Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development (CCWD) is requesting authority to apply for a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Transition Activities grant is being offered to all states on a formula basis to assist in implementing the new WIOA passed in 2014 and takes effect July 1, 2015. Therefore, if applied for, CCWD should receive their share of the funds or \$168,417. The grant announcement published by the Department of Labor states the grant funds may be used for:

- Training “front-line” staff specifically on career counseling and “customer-centered” service delivery;
- Bringing together program officials and stakeholders for strategic planning;
- Costs associated with terminating contracts and leases;
- Transitioning to the new requirement that 75% of the Youth related funding must be spent for out-of-school youth and 20% of this funding on work experience; and
- Assessing and improving Information Systems to meet the requirements of the new federal WIOA.

There is no matching requirement for this grant. The CCWD was informed of this grant opportunity on May 11th and the application deadline or notification of intent to apply deadline is May 20th. The agency is planning to not hire any additional staff in relation to this grant.

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) recommends approval of the request to apply for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Transition Activities Grant in an amount of \$168,417.