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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners (BCC)

FROM: Dan Johnson, Director, Department of Transportation & Development  
Laura Edmonds, Manager, Office of Economic Development

RE: Office of Economic Workforce Development Grant

DATE: April 4, 2024

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**REQUEST:** Approval of Workforce Development Grant to provide monetary support to young and adult learners seeking accredited programs to enter the workforce. Funding through lottery dollars. No County General Funds are involved

**BACKGROUND:** On March 20, 2024 the Board directed staff from the Office of Economic Development (OED) to advance the develop of a scholarship program, in the amount of \$100,000, to provide financial support to Clackamas Community College (CCC) students enrolled in Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. CCC will administer the grants directly and provide up to \$3,500 per student to assist with the cost of attending CTE courses.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff respectfully recommends the Board approve the Workforce Development Grant as proposed in Attachment A.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Johnson  
Director, Department of Transportation & Development

Attachments: Attachment A provides additional details about the program.

**Clackamas County Office of Economic Development (OED)  
Workforce Development Grant Program Proposal  
April , 2024**

Clackamas County Office of Economic Development is pleased to introduce the new Workforce Development Grant Program proposal. Funded through State of Oregon lottery funds<sup>1</sup>, this program is designed to offer a workforce development grant to Clackamas Community College and provides the opportunity for students enrolled in Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs to enter the workforce at higher wages that support self-sufficiency.

Program Overview:

**Workforce Development Grant** – total FY24/25 annual allocation \$100,000

**Who is eligible for Workforce Development funding?**

- Students enrolled to attend any Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses at Clackamas Community College. Clackamas Community College will administer the funding distribution through the funds awarded to the college.

**Workforce Development Grant:** By continuing to support Clackamas Community College, these monies will be applied towards student scholarships for those enrolling or enrolled in any accredited CTE programs offered by the college.

Maximum Awards up to \$3,500 per/student in one or all of the following areas:

- Paid internships/apprenticeships
- Tuition and fees
- Tech tools and uniforms for hire
- Childcare needed for education completion

Benefits of the program:

- Supports a workforce initiative that economically benefits residents and employers through community college programs.
- Centers on ensuring that a growing diverse workforce has access to skill-based training that develops relevant skills needed by employers within industry sectors that historically provide self-sufficiency wage jobs.
- Supports 3 to 9 month career pathway certificates; 1 year certificates of completion; and traditional two-year associates degrees in such industries as: agriculture, timber, health care, manufacturing, automotive, utilities/renewable energy and information technology (IT).

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<sup>1</sup> According to state statute, "Furthering economic development" includes, but is not limited to, providing Oregon;

- (A) Services or financial assistance to for-profit and nonprofit businesses located or to be located in Oregon;
- (B) Services or financial assistance to business or industry associations to promote, expand or prevent the decline of their businesses; or
- (C) Services or financial assistance for facilities, physical environments or development projects\* that benefit Oregon's economy (\*as defined in [https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors\\_285b.410](https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_285b.410) (definitions for ORS 2858.410 to 285B.482)