



MEMORANDUM

To: PacMtn EFC Members

From: Stacey Anderson, Youth Program Manager

Date: August 8, 2018

Subject: Discussion Only: High Impact Community Grant Update and Future Work

We are sharing this information with Executive-Finance Members because Board Members are important to community outreach for these Grant Awards. Members in the past were instrumental in notifying and encouraging smaller community agencies to apply. The organizations that were awarded the High Impact Community Grant in the PY17 round are continuing with their projects. We have received some of the final reports, but others have until September 30 to complete them.

A Taste of the Success of the High Impact Community Grant Projects

- ❖ The ARC of Grays Harbor hosted a two day mini employment camp with a day of career exploration and a day of local workplace tours for youth with disabilities. They served nine youth ages 19-21 and the project was a big hit with the youth.
- ❖ Pacific Education Institute (PEI) was successful in developing their semester long Advanced Forestry Course for local high schools with a goal of helping students on a career pathway in the forest products industry. The curriculum has been submitted to OSPI for consideration as a state wide curriculum and has currently been adopted by three school districts. The classes will be offered beginning this fall.
- ❖ The Hands on Personal Empowerment Project held their fifth annual Youth Entrepreneurship Camp at Olympic College Shelton. The youth were exposed to entrepreneurial opportunities with an emphasis on developing skills necessary to be an entrepreneur. It was a very successful camp this summer and 13 business partners were involved with the final event.
- ❖ The Thurston Conservation District served 101 youth in their project this summer. 63 students participated in classroom lessons on natural resources and a field day experience and 40 students participated in water quality testing on the Deschutes River.
- ❖ Grays Harbor Youth Works had a very successful Career Pathway Day in partnership with Grays Harbor College. They had 101 high school youth participate in this event. Post -secondary educational program tours began the day and then youth were bussed to specific career cluster tours of businesses in the county to close out their career exposure activities.

More Final Reports and Successes yet to come!



PY 18 High Impact Community Grant Planning

For Program Year (PY18) the High Impact Community Grant will have two streams of funding. In the PY18 Budget the amount of High Impact Funding grew from \$50,000 to \$100,000. One funding source will be historical WIOA funds and the other funding source is the Career Connected Learning Grant. The intent is that funds continue to be competitively bid with equal access/opportunity amongst the entities in each of the five counties. Each of the funding streams has different requirements that we must pass along in the project bid requirements.

Organizations will be able to apply for project funding from either pot of money or they can apply for funding from both pots.

PacMtn's Historical High Impact Community Grant Funds: There will be up to \$5k for each project and we will fund at least two projects for each county. We anticipate serving at least 150 youth with these funds. The specific participant eligibility requirements are very open.

Career Connected Learning Grant Funds: There will be up to \$10k for each county and we will fund one project in each county. This funding stream will have higher requirements around reporting and the activities must be in alignment with the requirements of the Career Connected Learning Grant, supporting Career Connected Learning Activities for youth. We must serve 70 total youth with these funds.

Combined Funding: An organization can apply for both grant funds and may be awarded up to \$15k for specific projects.

Timeline:

- Approximate release date for the RFP will be mid to late October 2018.
- Goal for contract start date is January 1, 2019
- Contract end dates will be September 30, 2019