

Executive Finance Committee Meeting

PacMtn launched an updated website in February. The new site aligns to the earlier adopted brand standards, and includes updates required to meet federal compliance. The site's content has been organized into three key areas - Governance, Investments, and Local Economy. This change is intended to help our key audiences navigate the site in a more efficient manner.

City of Olympia enters into agreement with PacMtn to provide employment services for its unhoused population. The \$625,000 agreement was approved at the most recent council meeting. The funds will be used to engage the population in three key locations - the Plum Street Village, Rosie's Place and the city's Mitigation site. The program is a peer navigator model, with the peer being embedded in the community to help identify participants ready to develop their work experience. Nearly 70% of the funding will go towards stipends and wages for the participants. Enrollments will begin in April.

PacMtn will update the MOU as a result of an updated to WS System Policy 1024 Revision 1 - Infrastructure Funding Agreement and State Funding Mechanism. The process will kick-off in late march and will be led by the WorkSource System Operator and the One-Stop Committee. The update will included added MOU language and an update to the Infrastructure Funding agreement. The goal is to execute the update agreement by 6/30/2022. An announcement will be shared with the all partners prior to after the One-Stop Committee meeting on 3/17/2022.

WIOA funding reductions were announce in early February. For the second consecutive year, the Depart of Labor is reducing funding for WIOA Title 1b Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth funding. The forecast for Washington State shows a 10% reduction, which could mean as much as 15-20% in the PacMtn region. PacMtn's leadership team has already taken in preparation of the anticipated budget shortfall. The following reductions in force have already been made:

- (1) unfilled program position has been put on hold
- (1) reduction on the program team
- (1) reduction with Labor Market Information, but will be replaced with a contractor

Additionally, considerations on the following:

- Reduce our auto fleet by 2-3 vehicles (Summer 2022)
- Reduce our leased space by 40% (January 2023)
- Additional reductions in staff (as needed)

Initial WIOA budget will estimates for PY22 will available in April, with the final WIOA budget available in October. The budgeting timeline is as follows:

- April 28th - Budget Workshop
- May 13th - Executive Finance Committee : Review and Recommendations
- June 23rd - WDC Board Meeting : Full Board Action

Stories of Impact and Meaning

One client stands out in my mind that I want to spotlight. He was difficult to take for most of his peers. Despite the frustrations of his peers he managed to press on, he followed the best practices and was very successful in gaining employment. He exhibited punctuality, great work ethic and leadership. In two months was rewarded with a raise and a new promotion to shift lead. The good thing is that he still reaches out for advice and mentorship. Recently, he called me to share how instrumental the conversations and accountability has played in his recovery.