

WDC FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT SUMMARY for Executive Committee February 5, 2021

WIOA FUNDS

WIOA Rapid Response – Balance of \$520K relates to program years 2018 and 2019.

COVID-19- HI- Disaster Recovery – Received a \$1.5M grant to cover salaries for workers whose employment has been impacted by COVID-19, and who have been found employment in humanitarian and recovery positions. WDC has established a contract with HI Employment Services to execute a significant portion of this grant.

COVID-19- HI- Employment Recovery – Received a \$1.5M grant to provide services and training to workers who have lost employment due to COVID-19. Monies were granted to 3 local areas (Honolulu, Hawaii Island and Maui).

Local Area Funds

Returned PY18 funds – WDC has expenditure plans for \$1.4M of the \$1.6M in local area funds returned. We are discussing potential uses for the remainder of the funds, with a focus on MOAs that can be administered quickly.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: The Finance Committee is recommending the Executive Committee approve a \$50,000 grant for work-based learning opportunities through the UH Political Science Department.

Programs – All counties are serving participants in all programs, except Kauai's youth program. Although a service provider has been contracted to provide services for Kauai's youth program, no significant progress has been made in attracting participants.

NOTIFICATION TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee would like to bring to the attention of the Executive Committee concerns regarding the prolonged lack of participants in the Kauai Youth Program, while funds are being expended. Furthermore, the number of participants in the Kauai adult and dislocated worker programs has not increased for a while. We recommend further discussion at the next-scheduled Executive Committee meeting.

STATE GENERAL FUNDS

The original State general fund allotment was \$463K. WDC has been informally notified of a potential return of \$300K to the Department. The give-back will not disrupt and programs or administration of programs.

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