

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT SUMMARY TO WDC BOARD

June 23, 2021

WIOA FUNDS

WIOA Rapid Response – Remaining balance of \$452K relates to program years 2019 (\$47K) and 2020 (\$405K).

COVID-19 Funds

- HI- Disaster Recovery – Received a \$1.5M 2-year grant (lapses on 6/30/22) to cover salaries for workers whose employment has been impacted by COVID-19, and who have been found employment in humanitarian and recovery positions. HI Employment Services has been contracted to execute a significant portion of this grant.
- HI- Employment Recovery – Received a \$1.5M 2-year grant (lapses on 6/30/22) to provide services and training to workers who have lost employment due to COVID-19. Monies were granted equally to 3 local areas (Honolulu, Hawaii Island and Maui); Kauai opted out.

HI Employment is the staffing agency working with the local areas American Job Centers to enroll eligible workers and employers for these grant programs.

Local Area Funds

Returned PY18 funds –\$1.4M of the 2018 local area funds were returned to WDC. \$785K of spend originally charged to PY19 was transferred to the 2018 grant, leaving \$567K remaining to expend. Plans to transfer PY19 expenditures to remaining 2018 funds are under way.

Estimated return of PY19 funds to WDC – as of the end of February the amount unexpended is ~\$2.6M, but local areas are projecting the amount to be returned to the State to be much smaller. WDC is working with the local areas and monitoring the usage of funds.

Programs – All counties are serving participants in all programs. As of the end of March, Kauai had 1 enrollment in the youth program, with 3 – 4 pending. We are hopeful to continue to increase participants to reflect the higher level of unemployment across the State.

STATE GENERAL FUNDS

At the end of Feb 2021, WDC had ~\$300K remaining of the State general fund allotment of \$463K. Subsequently, \$130K was returned to DLIR and \$130K was used to pay HireNet fees. The give-back will not disrupt and programs or administration of programs.

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