



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: August 15, 2018

Department: Community Services Agenda Planning Date: August 9 Time required: 10 minutes

Audio/Visual aids: Hand held microphone. Big Check. Tripod. Photographer.

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Department Head Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

TITLE: Presentation of Grant Award to Chemeketa Community College for Diesel Mechanics Program at Brooks Campus.

Issue, Description & Background: The Marion County Board of Commissioners has awarded \$100,000 of video lottery funds for economic development to Chemeketa CC. Chemeketa Community College is developing a diesel mechanic/technician program in Brooks, Oregon. The program was developed under the advisement of over 20 businesses, school and transit bus companies, and county government. Based on strong need from both trucking and agriculture, the curriculum was designed to serve both trucks and large agricultural equipment. The program will serve all parts of the district, in particular, the rural areas that have a harder time finding qualified technicians. The program is a two-year Associate of Applied Science degree that students will obtain upon completion. The greatest needs of a diesel mechanics program is a facility that meets industry standards, tools that a group of 25 students can use while enrolled, and enough equipment that will give all students a sound hands-on experience. Jobs for technicians start at \$20/hour or more, often with options of overtime, and full benefit options. The estimated budget for the entire program from all sources (public and private) is around \$1.7 million. Of that amount, equipment and tools is estimated to cost \$300,000. Chemeketa CC requested \$100,000 from Marion County to aid in the purchase of equipment and tools. The investment in this program will help employers gain access to the much needed trained workforce and benefit the economy of Marion County.

Financial Impacts: Award from 2017-18 budget for rural trade skills grants. Board order 18-068.

Impacts to Department & External Agencies

Options for Consideration: Presentation. No action required.

Recommendation: Presentation. No action required.



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List of attachments:

Presenter:

Commissioner Cameron. Tom Hogue.

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