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To Workforce Development Council

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Subject Additional Community Service Employment Funds for Unemployed Older Idahoans

Action Requested Approval to expend funds appropriated by the DOL Appropriations Act 2010 PL 111-117

Background

The Idaho Commission on Aging is the administrative entity for the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). The SCSEP Program, authorized by the Older Americans Act, is a community service and work-based training program for unemployed, low-income older workers. The Idaho Commission on Aging (ICOA) is the state agency designated to administer all programs under the Older Americans Act.

Supplemental SCSEP Funds

The FY 2010 Appropriations bill was signed on December 16, 2009. In addition to 2010 funds, it provides \$225 million in supplemental SCSEP funds to be allotted by January 30, 2010. The Act provides that the additional funding go to those current grantees that "can effectively utilize additional funding" via a semi-competitive application process. The U. S. Department of Labor is issuing funding based on demonstrated need, capacity to expend the additional funds, and sustained and satisfactory performance of grantees who submit a Statement of Intent by January 8, 2010. Although the ICOA submitted a Statement of Intent for \$365,571 (the maximum amount based on formula), ICOA was awarded \$263,152 on January 29, 2010.

The new funds will provide subsidized work experience in community settings for 20 unemployed, low-income Idahoans who are at least 55 years old. The grant duration is January 29, 2010 through June 30, 2011 (with options for re-capture and/or extension). The

Our vision is to ensure that all Idahoans retain their autonomy to determine their own life course as they age.

Law requires that a minimum of 75% of grant funds be used for Enrollee Wages and Fringe Benefits (participants are paid \$7.25 per hour/average of 20 hours per week). The remaining funds will be used for ICOA technical support, Idaho Department of Labor front-line staff and operating costs, and enrollee training and support services.

ICOA will allocate funds to those Regions with established waitlists for the SCSEP. Currently, 86 individuals are wait-listed in Regions I, III, IV and VI. Regional allocations are based on the percentage share of wait-listed individuals. Non-federal match (10%) is required.

Participants will be encouraged and trained to find unsubsidized employment. However, for those who have not been placed prior to the expiration of funding, timely transition planning will be undertaken to determine the most appropriate services that may still be needed by the participant. Participants who require additional community service training will be transferred into the regular SCSEP Program if sufficient funds are available in that program.

Approximate Allocation of Funds (subject to final approval)

\$ 197,364	Enrollee Wages and Fringe Benefits (75% of Grant Funds)
\$ 48,815	Front-line staff, administrative support, enrollee support services (books, supplies, classroom training, transportation assistance, etc.)
<u>\$ 16,973</u>	Retained by ICOA for technical and fiscal support.
\$ 263,152	Total Federal Funds
\$ 5,848	ICOA Share: Non-Federal Match
<u>\$ 23,391</u>	Service Provider Share: Non-Federal Match
\$ 29,239	Total Non-Federal Match
\$292,391	Total Grant

Action Requested

Approval to expend funds allocated by the DOL Appropriations Act 2010 PL. 111-117.