

## **Full Council Meeting, May 18, 2018**

### **SUMMARY for Item D: Solicitations/Contracts for Approval**

#### **1. Sonoran UCEDD/Employment First Website-Contract Amendment; \$5,000**

The Sonoran UCEDD a current contract with the Council to develop an Employment First Website. The development is to provide inclusive employment related opportunities, to facilitate community connections and to encourage/increase the inclusion of people with disabilities in the workplace. The amendment is to request an increase to their contract of \$5,000 that will allow the Sonoran UCEDD to identify and pay for a videographer to develop 2 employment videos to be posted on the website once it goes 'live'. The videos will highlight employment success stories of Arizonans with I/DD. The current one-year contract started on January 12, 2018, and initially awarded \$25,539. There was a request that the videos be closed captioned.

#### **2. SARRC Geek Camp; \$7,500**

Michael Leyva gave an overview of the geek camp, now referred to as the tech camp. It is scheduled for July 22-28, 2018 in Tempe and this year SARRC asked the Council to help sponsor 5 individuals with autism to attend, with a total cost to the Council \$7,500 (cost is \$1500 per/person). The Tech Camp is designed for participants to have an immersive college experience, including exposure to admissions, dorm life, classes and homework, group projects and college life skills. Participants also learn skills in robotics, gaming and coding. This request would be for one year with data/follow-up to be provided by SARRC. It was explained that the scholarships would be need based and there was discussion as to how that would be determined. The Committee determined that 200% or below the Federal Poverty Level would be a good measure to determine need, as well as asking the question, 'is a scholarship needed and why'.

### **3. NAU/IHD ISA- Employment Program; \$50,000**

A Scope of Work draft was shared with the committee to approve \$50,000 to NAU/IHD to be the lead coordinator to work with a steering committee comprised of VR, DDD, and AZ Association of Providers for People with Disabilities (AAPPD). The steering committee is developing a comprehensive training for Arizona's job developers, job coaches, employment service providers, agency staff, self-advocates and other stakeholders to promote the inclusion of employment of persons with developmental disabilities.

The steering committee will identify the trainer, locations of training, development of the agenda, training materials and evaluation. The half day trainings will be take place at two locations. Funding this scope of work, will allow the Council to enter into an ISA agreement with NAU for them to begin the work with the steering committee. Several Committee members discussed their concerns and issues were addressed by staff. It was shared that this proposal went through the Employment Ad Hoc Committee for their feedback and mentioned that this project and funding was previously identified in the Council's work-plan.

### **4. RFGA Scope of Work Draft –Employment Training Program; \$150,000**

Committee members were briefed on the draft scope of work for a competitive solicitation that will be released in May that is addressing how businesses can diversify their workforce by hiring, training and retaining persons with developmental disabilities. The employer should be willing to change their hiring policies, offer on the job supports, track data and be able to share their program with other business on lessons learned. This solicitation is open to for profits, nonprofits, businesses, colleges and universities, and tribal and local units of government; \$150,000 is available for the first year, and multiple awards may be considered. The Council will consider renewing this contract for up to 2 additional years.