



Western Iowa Workforce Development

Date: Monday, April 5, 2021

Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Zoom only

The members of the **Executive Committee of the WIWD Board of Directors** are also holding this session by electronic means pursuant to the provisions of the Iowa Open Meetings Law, Section 21.8, Code of Iowa.

Tammy Herbert is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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11:00 Opening

Call to Order-Bridget Hoefling, Chair LWIWD Board

Roll call-LWIWD Executive Committee

Tentative Agenda

Consider Ticket to Work funding requests (2)

We have had two requests to use TTW (Ticket to Work) funds through our staff located in the Sioux City One-Stop.

Request #1:

This request is attached and involves a request for purchasing ten (10) gas cards for \$10 each for a total of \$100. These cards would be used to support individuals who are actively searching for work or attend interviews and struggling to cover the costs of fuel to and from these meetings. The attached proposal outlines the request in detail with plans for distribution and tracking.

Request #2:

There is a request for a person who is homeless and has been diagnosed with an intellectual disability (ID) who is on SSI, enrolled with Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services (IVRS) and WIOA Title 1, both through the Sioux City office. Through his enrollment with IVRS it has been found that he is in need of job coach for his work experience at an auto parts store to help him be successful. He selected Goodwill of the Great Plains for job coaching services through consumer choice. The total estimated cost for the job coaching will be \$2258.00. This calculation is based on IVRS menu of services. The menu of services shows job coaching at \$11.29 a unit (15 minutes) or \$45.16 an hour. He will be in need of approximately 50 hours for the month.

Location	Total Hours	Hourly Rate	Total
Auto parts store	50	\$45.16	\$2258.00

PROPOSAL FOR SERVICES

For Individuals with Disabilities

This proposal is for individuals with disabilities who struggle financially and are in need of gas cards to maintain transportation to job centers to find work and to attend interviews. Services are provided for individuals with disabilities to assist them in meeting their employment goals. The services that are provided are individualized and each person has a different need. The organization helps people with disabilities to work towards independence, self-sufficiency and to improve their quality of life. For many individuals living with disabilities they have achieved these goals and some have acquired personal transportation. Due to the pandemic many are experiencing loss of income making it hard to keep gas in their car and continue job searches or get to interviews. Providing gas cards can assist individuals with disabilities who are facing these new challenges to continue to be self-sufficient and achieve their employment goals. A concern is that the resources for gas cards are limited and it puts the individuals at risk of missing out on potential job opportunities and limits their ability to maintain or improve their quality of life. Providing gas cards can help them meet this need.

PURPOSE

To meet a need in the workforce for job seeking drivers with disabilities using ticket funds to purchase gas cards and assist them to maintain independence and self-sufficiency.

Proposed Solution

Item	Qty	Cost	Total Cost
Gas Card	10	\$10.00	\$100.00

Gas Card Requirements

For people to get a gas card they will be required to have a documented disability, be registered with the job center, provide proof of identification, documentation of scheduled interview (email, notice of hire, etc.), share dates of job center visits, and let us know if employment is obtained.

Note: These suggested requirements are meant to help ensure that the gas cards are used for their intended purpose.

Tracking

Gas cards will be tracked using a spread sheet with basic identifying information on those receiving this service.

Example:

Date	Name	Address	Phone	Card Amount	Jobs Applied	Interview Date	Start Date	Wage
03/16/21	John Doe	1234 A street	712-123-4567	\$10.00	3	03/24/21	04/01/21	\$10.00

Benefit of Proposal

Individuals with disabilities will have transportation to and from the job centers and interviews. They will not miss out on job opportunities and have a better chance at obtaining and maintaining employment. They will be able to continue to maintain their independence and improve their quality of life through employment.

Potential Obstacles

There may be times when a person will need more than one gas card to obtain employment. People who receive a gas card may not follow through with the requirements of sharing documentation of job searches, job center visits, interview dates, or let us know if they have obtained employment.

Obstacles can be overcome by 1.) revisiting employment services by reviewing their resume, identifying any potential reasons affecting their employability. 2.) Using contact information provided to follow up and asking about job searches, interviews, or job offers. 3.) If information is not shared or provided, then it can affect their ability to receive another gas card in the future.

1. Public Comments
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