

Monday, March 15, 2021

Appropriations Conservation & Development Subcommittee Work Session #2

DECD Responses

Topic: Workforce

Item #1

Q: Clearly explain why OWS should be APO'd.

A: Workforce development encompasses a variety of policies and programs that are managed by multiple state agencies. Further, local governments, businesses, regional workforce boards, labor, and educational institutions all play an important role. Given the decentralized nature of workforce development, the vast majority of states have developed offices similar to the Office of Workforce Strategy (OWS) to coordinate policy and programs. It is important that OWS exist as an Administrative Purposes Only (APO) within an agency because it will allow OWS to coordinate across agencies on workforce development. Not existing as an APO will not allow the OWS to carry out critical responsibilities proposed in S.B. 881, such as chair the Governor's Workforce Cabinet, which will consist of agencies involved in employment and training activities.

Please see attached, "**OWS ADDENDUM_2**" for more information.

Item #2

Q: Name of 12 business on the Governor's Workforce Council.

A:

- Cindi Bigelow, Bigelow Tea, CEO
- Marna Borgstrom, Yale New Haven Hospital, CEO
- Jeff Flaks, Hartford Healthcare, CEO
- Kevin Graney, General Dynamics Electric Boat, CEO
- Margaret Keane, Synchrony Financial, CEO
- Ravi Kumar, Infosys, President
- Jim Loree, Stanley Black + Decker, CEO
- David O'Neill, Indeed, Chief Operating Officer
- Judy Marks, Otis Elevator, President and CEO
- Alan Schnitzer, Travelers, CEO (TBC)
- Erika Smith, ReNetx, CEO
- Bob Lord, IBM, Chief Digital Officer (TBC)

TOPIC: CRF Grants

Item #3

Q: Further breakdown of minority/women/veteran owned businesses.


A:

State-Administered Financial Support for Businesses

Program	Total (Units/Amount)	Funding Source	% Women- Owned	% Minority- Owned	% Veteran- Owned	% Non- Profit
CT Bridge Loan and HEDCO Line of Credit From May to August, DECD repurposed Small Business Express dollars to (1) provide 18-month, no interest loans ranging from \$3,000 to \$37,500, (2) supported HEDCO in providing 486 businesses with a forgivable \$10,000 line of credit.	2,608 \$47 million	State Funded	34.9%	24.3%	3%*	1.7%*
CT CARES Small Business Grant From December to February, DECD administered \$5,000 grants to 10,000 businesses with 20 employees or less.	10,000 \$50 million	Federally Funded	38%**	29%**	3%**	6%**
CT Business Recovery Grant On January 7th, DECD/DRS delivered grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$30,000 to 2,008 of the state's hardest hit small- to medium-sized businesses.	2,008 \$35 million	Federally Funded	There was no application process for this grant program so demographic data is not available.			
CT Arts and Museums Grant In November, DECD administered grants to performing arts venues, humanities organizations, and museums.	154 Non-Profits 52 Museums \$11 million	Federally Funded	N/A	N/A	N/A	100%
TOTAL	14,822 \$143 million					

*For the CT Bridge Loan Program, Non -Profits were limited to \$10,000 per loan. Furthermore, the demographic breakdown for Veteran and Non -Profit businesses only includes data from the CT Bridge Loan Program, as HEDCO did not collect this data.

**These figures are not final and are subject to change.



HEDCO Line of Credit Breakout

Ethnicity	Number of Businesses	% of Total
African American	163	33.5%
Asian	30	0.06%
Hispanic	113	0.23%
White	180	37.0%
Total	486	

CT Bridge Loan Breakout

Ownership	Number of Businesses	% of Total Loans
Women Owned	585	27.6%
Minority Owned	328	15.5%
Veteran Owned	68	0.03%
Non-Profit	85	0.04%
Total Loans	2,122	

CT CARES Grant Breakout (Please note that these figures are not final and are subject to change.)

Ownership Type	% of Total
Person w/ Disability	0.41%
Minority	15.15%
Minority, Person w/ Disability	0.14%
Minority, Veteran	0.38%
Minority, Veteran, Person w/ Disability	0.07%
Minority, Woman	12.12%
Minority, Woman, Person w/ Disability	0.26%
Minority, Woman, Veteran	0.22%
Minority, Woman, Veteran, Person w/ Disability	0.13%
Veteran	2.02%
Veteran, Person w/ Disability	0.16%
Woman	24.93%
Woman, Person w/ Disability	0.22%
Woman, Veteran	0.24%
Woman, Veteran, Person w/ Disability	0.07%
Demographic Status Unknown	43.45%
Total	100%

Item #4

Q: Provide geographical breakdown CRF grants.

A: Please see attached, “ITEM#4 BRG Statistics and by Location” and “ITEM#4 CT CARES Grant by Location.”