



M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: October 10, 2017

TO: South Central Workforce Council

FROM: Justin Merrell, Employer Engagement Administrator

SUBJECT: Renewal of Student Mentorship Grant

The South Central Workforce Council is eligible to renew a \$45,000 grant from the Washington State Workforce Board to match 35 Yakima Valley College, Allied Health Students, with Industry mentors to provide students with work place learning experiences including facility tours, informational interviews, job shadows and internships.

In past years, health care professionals such as nurses, respiratory therapists and others have served as mentors for 250 low income Opportunity Grant eligible college students. These mentors have influenced students to complete their coursework, explore their career and employment options, and enroll into advanced training.

Ideally, a participating student is matched with an industry mentor who is employed in a field in which the student is interested.

Student mentorship services will be coordinated by People For People staff working closely with YVC staff through the grant period which will run through June 2018.

This year, we plan to expand mentorship services to students in Business Technology and Information Technology programs.

WDC Board approval is requested to accept the \$45,000 grant and to contract with People For People for the delivery of student mentorship services.

Allocation Plan	
People For People	\$40,000
WDC (Oversight)	\$5,000
Total Grant	\$45,000

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