



Board Agenda Background

Date: 1/6/2026
To: Board of County Commissioners
Through: Colton Rohloff, County Manager
From: Sarah Cassano, Department of Human Services Director
Subject: Presentation on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Memorandum of Understanding Specific to the Division of Employment and Training, Jobs for Veterans State Grant Program.

RECOMMENDATION

The purpose of the work session is to provide the Board of County Commissioners with information on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, specifically the Division of Employment and Training, Jobs for Veterans State Grant Program. If approved to move forward, the Memorandum of Understanding for the Division of Employment and Training, Jobs for Veterans State Grant Program will be placed on the January 20, 2026, Consent Agenda for Board consideration.

BACKGROUND

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is federal legislation passed in 2014 that requires states to align their workforce development programs to coordinate job seekers and employers in collaboration with partner organizations within the state and through the local workforce areas to improve the workforce ecosystem across the state, regionally and locally.

As part of the required state/regional/local collaboration each workforce area (in this case, the Tri-County Local Workforce Area (TriCo) which includes Jefferson, Gilpin and Clear Creek County), (TriCo) is required to have specific partners to ensure universal access to services from any point of entry into the workforce system.

The Jobs for Veterans State Grants (JVSG) program is a federal workforce initiative administered by the U.S. Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Services. Under JVSG, federal funds are formula-granted to state workforce agencies, including Colorado's, to hire dedicated veteran employment staff at local workforce centers. The goal of the program is to help veterans overcome employment obstacles, connect with job opportunities, and assist employers in meeting their workforce needs with qualified veteran talent. JVSG staff work in coordination with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act services, and veterans receive priority of services under both programs.

The Board last reviewed and signed the MOU on November 21, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT

Infrastructure Funding Agreements in TriCo are an account of in-kind contributions to the workforce region based on direct infrastructure costs incurred by the partner to provide services to job seekers in the region. There are no cash contributions related to the WIOA MOUs.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Division of Employment and Training, Jobs for Veterans State Grant Program - MOU DRAFT
2. Workforce Colorado Presentation