

Lake County Workforce Development Board
February 2025

Action

Approve the Chamber of Commerce Initiative Grant Agreements totaling no more than \$150,000, with the intent to award no less than two local Chambers of Commerce \$75,000 each to support workforce and economic development initiatives as recommended by the evaluation team.

Workforce Board Strategic Plan Key Imperative Alignment: *Strengthening Business Engagement & Economic Growth*

Background

Lake County Purchasing issued the Request for Proposal (RFP) #24384 to fund Chamber of Commerce initiatives supporting workforce innovation and business engagement under the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA). The program fosters economic growth, enhances workforce readiness, and provides businesses with tools to expand employment opportunities. The RFP outlined total available funding of \$150,000, with a maximum award of \$75,000 per recipient.

Proposal Evaluation & Selection

LCWDB received 3 proposals requesting a total of \$225,000. Each proposal was evaluated based on organization background and experience, program description, expected outcomes, staffing plans and qualifications, and financial management plan and budget.

After evaluations and negotiations, final deliverables, performance metrics, and budgets were determined.

Budgets

Proposer	PY'25 Budget
Lake Zurich Chamber of Commerce	\$75,000
Green Oaks Libertyville Mundelein Vernon Hills Chamber of Commerce (GMLV)	\$75,000

Workforce Board Approval Process

Employer Connection Committee review and recommendation to Executive Committee for approval	February 12, 2025
Executive Committee approval	February 19, 2025
Workforce Development Board approval	February 27, 2025