



Board of Commissioners

Resolution

B2023-145

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Sponsor: Workforce Solutions

Meeting Date: 9/5/2023

Title: Donation from Sundance Family Foundation to the Workforce Solutions Department

File Number: 2023-385

Background and Rationale:

Founded in 2003, the Sundance Family Foundation has been providing resources and support to youth employment organizations and programs for 20 years. With a mission to “accelerate youth development and strengthen family stability”, the foundation has been a champion for youth in Ramsey County. The foundation has partnered with Ramsey County for many years, including as a private grant funder for the first cohort of the Young Adult Career Academy program, which has continued successfully for three years.

The Sundance Family Foundation has helped to lay a critical foundation for the wider work to align and enhance the youth employment ecosystem in Ramsey County, and has:

- Invested in Earn and Learn.
- Leveraged convening influence demonstrating the power of partnership.
- Supported critical pivots during the COVID pandemic.
- Impacted systems change with partners including employers and government entities.

The Sundance Family Foundation will be closing in December 2023. Because of Workforce Solution’s long-standing partnership and continued work in this space, the foundation is providing an Accelerating Prosperity Pathways gift of \$50,000 to Ramsey County. Workforce Solutions will use this gift to continue to support Earn & Learn programs, build alignments and intentionality to ensure practitioners have access to resources and employers, build additional networks of employers to support young people and leverage tools developed by the foundation to amplify best practices for youth employment services.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Accept the donation of \$50,000 from Sundance Family Foundation to the Workforce Solutions Department for continuation of youth workforce development efforts.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

By: 

Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board