

**Workforce Development Board of Northwest Georgia
Proposal Review Committee**

November 19, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
Georgia Northwestern Technical College
Calhoun, Georgia
Minutes

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff
Linda McEntire	Nicole Green	Karla Conetta
Mitchell Morgan		Susan Gentry
Terri Morgan		Lesia Lambert
Mike Murphy		Phyllis Walker
Cam Parker		

Linda McEntire, Chairman, welcomed those present. It was determined a quorum was present.

Lesia Lambert informed the Committee that Georgia Northwestern Technical College (GNTC) requested to add the Certified Basic Flooring Installation Program to assist eligible applicants (handouts attached). This is a new non-credit training program through the GNTC Department of Economic Development and the Floor Covering Education Foundation (FCEF), a 501(c)3 organization.

The program is 300 hours and will last a maximum of 10 weeks. This program will introduce students to the flooring installation industry and will equip them with the skills needed to perform carpet, resilient, hardwood and tile installation (this includes: carpet installing, proper use of tools, measuring, moisture identification, cutting, adhesives, grout, floating flooring types, nail and glue, floating installation buffing, staining, sealing, and finishing surfaces). She stated that the cost of the program is \$3,800 which includes:

<i>Book/Materials</i>	<i>\$106</i>
<i>Facility Usage</i>	<i>\$203</i>
<i>Consumables/Supplies</i>	<i>\$363</i>
<i>Tuition</i>	<i><u>\$3,128</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$3,800</i>

Ms. Lambert also stated that staff had asked for a breakdown of the tuition cost but had not received it.

The proposal from Georgia Northwestern Technical College was to fund two Certified Basic Flooring Installation cohorts. Ms. Lambert informed those present that it was staff's recommendation to add the program on the Eligible Training Provider List and to fund one cohort to begin in early spring with a minimum of eight (8) students at the cost of \$3,800 per student for a total of \$30,400.

Mitchell Morgan asked why the proposal was for a "no credit" program. Ms. Lambert stated that GNTC has indicated that next year it will be a credit program. The following questions were posed by the

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- What wages can be expected by individuals in the Northwest Georgia region?
- What does the tuition cover?
- Are the costs in line with other programs?
- If WIOA does not fund this program, will the class still be conducted?

Mitchell Morgan asked if a representative of GNTC could provide more information to the Proposal Review Committee.

Cam Parker made the motion to table this proposal until more information could be obtained. Mitchell Morgan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Susan Gentry presented the Committee with a staff recommendation to increase supportive services payments (handouts attached). She explained that, to offset the increasing cost of living caused by the current economic conditions and pandemic, staff would like to make the following changes to the Northwest Georgia support policy for transportation:

- 0.5-10 miles = \$7.50 per day
- 11-25 miles = \$10.00 per day
- 26 + miles = \$12.50 per day

This is an increase from \$6.00, \$8.00, and \$10.00 that is the current policy.

She stated that staff also recommended increasing the childcare supplement to include a 2nd child. This is an increase from one child, as is the current policy, up to two children. The current rate of \$15 dollars per day, per child will not change.

She informed the Committee that these changes are effective 11/17/2021 and will also allow WIOA staff to utilize available funds for Adult/DW.

Mike Murphy made the motion to accept these changes. Mitchell Morgan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.