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Marti,

WCC has an Entrepreneurship Center. I would be supportive of changing the grant dollars to move into the line item structure to assist entrepreneurs, rather than run a grant proposal process, and allocate the dollars to those doing that work with performance deliverables expected.

Currently, we assist entrepreneurs that are diverse in terms of ethnicity and we support those that are not just tied to technology. To do this work, we definitely could use dollars to assist. If we have to submit a grant app to do this that would be fine but I don't think that the LDFA can manage that process.

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