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IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING — JUNE 2022

Board Meeting. The <u>lowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) Board</u> met on June 17, 2022. Agenda items and Board documents for the meeting can be found <u>here</u>.

Compliance. The Board approved contract amendment requests from the IEDA administration. Detailed information on items approved is available here.

Financial Assistance Applications. The Board approved the following financial assistance application requests:

- Centro, Inc. Hampton
- Sub-Zero Group Inc. Cedar Rapids
- Clarios, LLC Red Oak
- Fair Oaks Farms, LLC dba Fair Oaks Foods Davenport
- Valent BioSciences, LLC Mitchell County
- Western's Smokehouse & Meat Market LLC/Hawkeye Smokehouse Partners, LLC Burlington

Brownfield/Grayfield Redevelopment Tax Credit Program. The Redevelopment Tax Credit is available to developers in Iowa for redeveloping properties on former brownfield and grayfield sites. The Board amended the following three tax credit contracts for the Program:

- Prairie Equity Group, LLC: The company requested a six-month contract extension due to COVID-19 and supply chain issues. The project was awarded Redevelopment Tax Credits for a grayfield site in Solon.
- Neighborhood Development Company: The company requested a four-month contract extension due to COVID-19 and supply chain issues. The project was awarded Redevelopment Tax Credits for a brownfield site in Des Moines.
- JSA Development: The company requested a six-month contract extension due to COVID-19 and supply chain issues. The project was awarded Redevelopment Tax Credits for a brownfield site in Waterloo.

Entrepreneurial Investment Awards Program Recommendation. The Entrepreneurial Investment Awards (EIA) Program supports resource providers that offer technical and financial assistance to entrepreneurs and startup companies seeking to create, locate, or expand a business in Iowa. The Board approved an application for \$100,000 for the New Bohemian Innovation Collaborative in Cedar Rapids.

lowa Workforce Development (IWD) Agreement. The Board was presented information regarding the lowa Code chapter <u>28E</u> agreement with the IWD. The Board approved an agreement in which the IWD will assume responsibilities for administering lowa Code chapters <u>260E</u>, <u>260F</u>, and statewide allocations of <u>260G</u> job credits.

Aggregate Tax Credit Limit. The Board approved tax credit limits for six tax credit programs administered by the IEDA for FY 2023. Those tax credit programs include:

- High Quality Jobs Credit: \$68.0 million.
- Employer Child Care Credit: \$2.0 million.
- Workforce Housing Credit: \$35.0 million.

- Brownfield Redevelopment Credit: \$15.0 million.
- Renewable Chemicals Credit: \$5.0 million.
- Innovation Fund Credit: \$10.0 million.

Financial Summary. The Board also received financial reports from IEDA staff. As of May 31, 2022, the following amounts remain unobligated:

- General Fund Operations FY 2022: \$1.7 million.
- High Quality Jobs Program FY 2022: \$23.0 million.
- Tax Credit Cap FY 2022 Allocation: \$22.2 million.

Director's Report. Executive Director Debi Durham provided the Board with an update regarding IEDA programs and activities.

More Information. Additional information is available upon request to the Legislative Services Agency. The next Board meeting will take place on July 22, 2022.

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