

# *Regional Talent Development Initiative Grant Program (HB22-1350)*

August 15, 2022 Update Presentation



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# Overview and Feedback

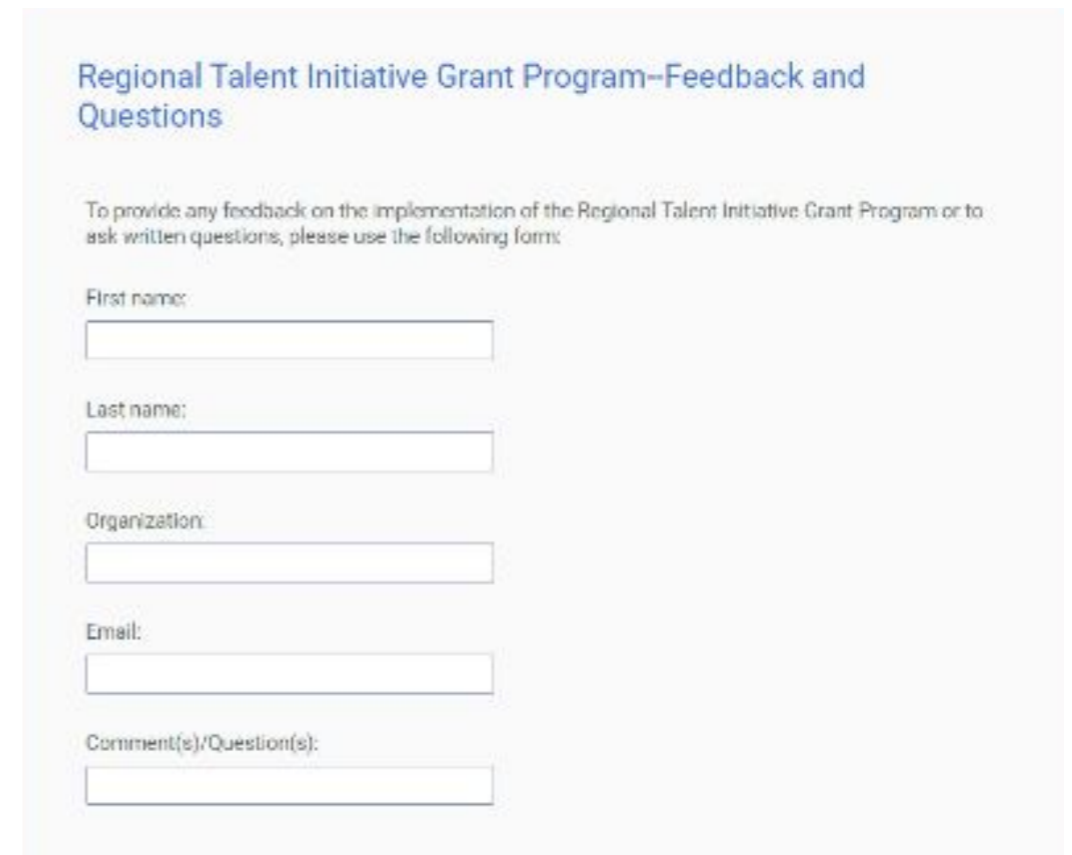
## Key Items to Cover:

1. Program Background
2. HB22-1350 Framework/Requirements
3. Updates:
  - a. Steering Committee
  - b. Third Party Grant Administrator
  - c. Grant Process Development

## Comments and Questions:

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# HB21-1330: Task Force on Student Success

## Key Recommendations:

- Innovation and Scaling Partnership Grants
- Seeding Innovation While Scaling Proven Practices
- Funding Regional Collaboration while also Advancing Universal Statewide Priorities

## Key Grant Goals:

- Collaboration
- Evidence-Based
- Aligned Pathways
- Upskilling/Reskilling Revolving Fund Model
- Intentional and Equitable Funding Distribution



# HB22-1350 Overview

## Overarching Program Goal:

- Support regional talent development initiatives across the state that meet regional labor market needs
- Spark unseen alignment and collaboration between local, regional and/or statewide participants in the secondary, post-secondary, and workforce ecosystems, with unyielding focus on enhancing the economic mobility of Colorado's learners and earners.

## Program Grant Goals:

- Meet regional workforce needs
- Create intentional pathways across secondary, post-secondary, and workforce systems
- Prove more opportunities for regional learners and earners to be more economically mobile and earn a living wage in an in-demand, high-skill, high-wage occupation.

## Key Components

- Steering Committee
- Selection Committee
- Grants: Seed & Scale (may include planning phase)
- Program Summary Reporting

## Key Dates

- December 1, 2022: first grant application process to be available
- November 1, 2023 and each November 1 thereafter: Program Summary Report
- December 31, 2024 & 2026: "Obligation" (2024) and Spending (2026)

# HB22-1350 Specific Components

## Program Administration (Third Party Administrator)

- Outreach
- Technical Assistance
- Evaluation
- Grant administration
- Performance and outcomes
- Customer support

## Grant Administration

### Grants:

- Seed Funding
- Scale Funding
- Planning Funding (Possibility)

### Grant Selection and Prioritization:

- Transparent process
- Evidence-base & evaluation
- Regionally equitable
- Matching funds

## Steering Committee

### Composition:

- Rural representation
- Business, Civic, Education, and Nonprofit Professionals
- One 2yr institution
- One 4yr institution

### Areas of Advisement:

- Grant Application
- Grant Evaluation
- Selection Committee
- Implementation
- Reporting

# *Major Near-Term Process Steps*

Third Party Grant Administrator

Steering Committee Formation

Grant Process Development

# Third Party Grant Administrator

**Released Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) on July 7, 2022**

**Closed on August 8, 2022 (Multiple Responses Received)**

**Current Status:** In evaluation, with a goal of onboarding in September

Program Management	Grant Process	Outreach & Technical Assistance	Reporting and Evaluation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Compliance</li><li>● Program and Steering Committee meetings</li><li>● Coordination of partners</li><li>● Public Input</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Application</li><li>● Grant Portal</li><li>● Facilitating review</li><li>● Developing grant agreements</li><li>● Establishing performance measures</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Marketing the program</li><li>● Responding to questions and requests</li><li>● Technical assistance before submitting materials</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Develop performance evaluations</li><li>● Performance reporting</li><li>● Reporting for CO and SLFRF needs</li></ul>



# Steering Committee

## K12 Advisor

**Patty Quinones**

*Retired St. Vrain Deputy  
Superintendent*

## Foundation & Higher Ed. Rep.

**Wayne Taliaferro**

*Strategy Director for Student  
Success, Lumina Foundation*

## Higher Ed. & Healthcare Rep

**Tawny Espinoza**

*Vice President of Business  
Development at Community Hospital  
and Adjunct Professor at CO Mesa  
University*

## 2 Yr College Representative

**Landon Pirius**

*Vice Chancellor for Academic and  
Student Affairs, Colorado  
Community College System (CCCS)*

## Nonprofit Representative

**Roger Low**

*Founder & CEO, Colorado Equitable  
Economic Mobility Initiative  
(CEEMI)*

## Business Representatives

**David Eddy**

*Colorado Site Director, Boeing*

## 4-yr Institution Representative

**Janet Lopez**

*Board of Trustees Member, Fort Lewis  
College; Senior Director of Policy,  
Partnerships & Learning, The Denver  
Foundation*

## Higher Education Representative

**Sarah Hughes**

*Chair, Colorado Commission on  
Higher Education*

**Josh Scott**

*Businessperson and Vice Chair,  
Colorado Commission on Higher  
Education*



# Grant Process Development

## Key Areas of Advisement and Development

- Grant Size
- Sequencing of Grant Opportunities
- Evaluation Criteria
- Forms of Technical Assistance
- Regional Distribution
- Selection Committee

## Examples to Build From (As outlined in 1330 Task Force Report):

- RISE Education Fund
- Sturm Collaboration Campus
- Cherry Creek Innovation Campus
- SyncUp Colorado Challenge
- New Profit

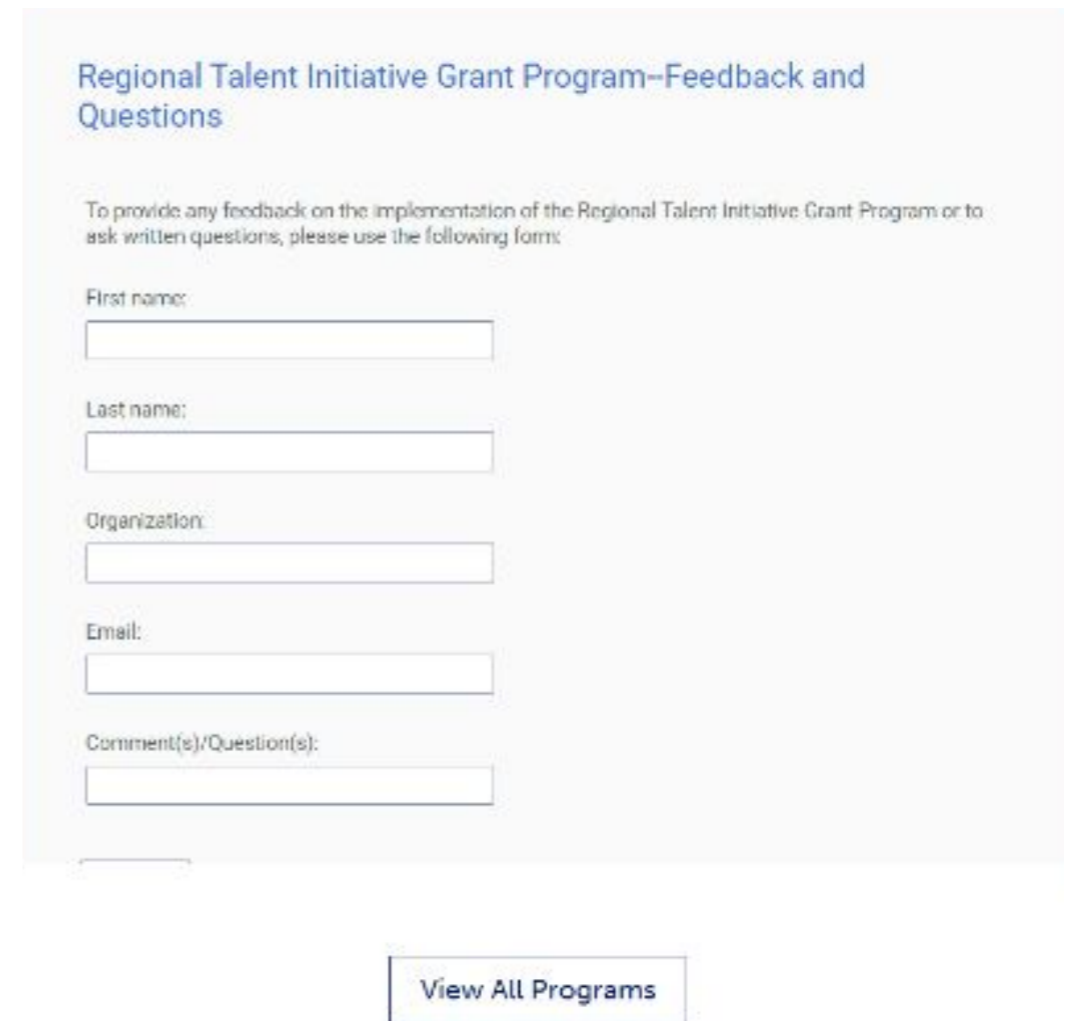
# Feedback

## Future Feedback:

- With the onboarding of the Third Party Grant Administrator, we will be doing more direct ways to solicit feedback.

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