

Grand County Economic Development Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2020

- The group discussed the draft of the Moab Area Economic Development Plan ("More than a Playground")
- Discussed importance of improving access to affordable childcare to support economic development

Ideas to consider including in the grant

- Business Summit (\$20,000-\$40,000)
- Supporting the Childcare Industry
 - reach out to current providers and see how we can help
 - Subsidize cost of providing/paying for care, obtaining licenses
 - Help create new providers and support existing providers
- Grand Area Innovation Network (GAIN) – money to use as seed money, revolving loan fund to support entrepreneurship
- Help with County administrative costs (\$50,000?) in the economic development office
- Scholarship fund (there are a number of things that USU is already doing there that we could help supplement). They could use more financial aid assistance.
 - Work with workforce services
- Co-working space: separate funding program at the state for co-working that we could also apply for that. The cost for the remodel at Wabi is \$370,000.
 - Excess space at county/city offices? Use the library as a low cost option?
 - Open bid to others as well. We should probably do this for any item that is going to a single entity.

Action items for next meeting:

- Review shared excel document outlining buckets and potential programs
- Add in any new program funding ideas that have been missed
- Each person should add a column and put in their recommendations for the allocation of the first \$200,000
- Next meeting June 24, 2020 12p / Agenda: finalize initial buckets to be used for the first application (for \$200,000)