Community Council of Idaho, Inc. Abstract

Community Council of Idaho, Inc. proposes to provide a High School Equivalency Program (HEP) to 75 migrant and seasonal farmworkers living in rural and underserved areas throughout Southern Idaho. The program will annually assist 75 participants to secure their GED, or high school equivalency certificate, through the provisioning of academic and career counseling. After attainment, participants will be placed in a postsecondary program, or use their newly obtained GED to assist with upgrading their employment opportunities.

Participants will receive Spanish or English GED instruction for mastery of four academic areas: Math, Science, Social Studies, and Language. To ensure students are receiving appropriate support, an education plan identifying needs will be created upon enrollment. This plan will be regularly reviewed to ensure participants are receiving the services they need to be successful.

The HEP Program includes a service area of 20 counties in Southern Idaho. Collaborators working with Community Council of Idaho on this project include Idaho Department of Labor, Idaho Department of Education - MEP, College of Southern Idaho, and Boise State University.

Proposed outcomes for the HEP Program are as follows:

Enrollment: 75 students will enroll in the HEP Program on an annual basis, for a total of 375 during the 5-year duration of the grant

HSE Attainment: Of the 75 students enrolled each program year, 69% will receive their GED Diploma.

Placement: 80% of students who attain their HSE will be placed into either postsecondary education or training program, upgraded employment, or enter the military.