



FUTURE READY OREGON
WORKFORCE READY GRANTS ROUND THREE
Sector-focused Rounds (Healthcare, Manufacturing, and Technology)

Technical Assistance Providers

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission has contracted with six (6) providers to support applicants and prospective applicants with **free coaching and guidance through the Workforce Ready Grants Round 3 Request for Applications (RFA) process**. Applicants and prospective applicants can expect to receive assistance and guidance in determining their eligibility and project alignment with the RFA, and support developing their applications from the Technical Assistance (TA) Providers. **This service is being made available to all prospective applicants for all Round Three RFAs at no cost.** To access this service, please call or email one of the following providers (they are listed alphabetically):

Boules Consulting

Marianne Boules is the founder and owner of Boules Consulting, a social impact consulting firm specializing in the grants cycle. Since her company's founding in 2018, Boules Consulting has raised \$52 million in grants. Marianne is a returning Technical Assistance Provider, having served Round 2 Workforce Ready Grant applicants in 2023. She is experienced in writing about innovative economic and workforce development projects that integrate racial equity. Marianne has experience with specific populations including Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC), rural, and low-income populations. For example, as a grant writer, Marianne secured a \$1.5 million workforce development project to foster BIPOC-founded tech startups and stimulate the economy. She also served as the lead grant writer and coordinator for a \$160 million economic innovation project. As a Technical Assistance Provider, Marianne is here to help you with your overall grant strategy, early draft development, editing, aligning your proposal to evaluation criteria, and so much more!

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Grassroots NW

Bill Weismann has devoted his professional career as a social change agent. Starting as a VISTA Volunteer in rural New Hampshire organizing low-income tenants and designing self-help services, he has worked for five decades with nonprofit organizations and public agencies. He served from 1983 to 1994 as Executive Director of three Oregon statewide social and economic justice organizations. His skillset includes grant writing, community collaboration, resource development, and program design. Bill specializes in guiding smaller organizations to the next stage of development. Since 1995 Bill's consulting business, Grassroots NW, has served dozens of diverse clients. Bill is a skilled grantwriter, having secured more than \$30 million in grant awards. Clients include both BIPOC- and women-led organizations, and grassroots groups and public partnerships. Funded workforce development projects have focused on women, BIPOC and other marginalized communities.

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Greater Good Consultants LLC

Greater Good Consultants LLC specializes in transforming Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education and workforce development visions into tangible successes. Founder Ashley Pereira, an award-winning secondary STEM educator, consultant, and adjunct Professor of Secondary Education, offers Technical Assistance with deep expertise in K-12 STEM and technology. Her 16-year proven track record - reinforced by a MS degree in Secondary Education and Project Management certification - has catalyzed transformative programs for nearly 4 million at-risk and underserved youth nationwide. Since establishing GGC in 2012, Ashley has pioneered the use of immersive technologies in grant-funded career readiness programs, setting a new standard for engaging and impactful learning experiences. Her comprehensive experience in securing grants and implementing transformative programs positions her well to support Future Ready Oregon grant applicants, offering guidance and insights into the nuances of both pre- and post-award processes.

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Joanne Scharer

Joanne Scharer, Master of Public Administration (MPA), Master of Regional Planning (MRP) has provided consulting and technical assistance services to a variety of governmental and educational entities, non-profit organizations, and for-profit businesses for over 25 years. Her experience includes proposal development for government and foundation funding, program implementation, and program evaluation. In addition to Joanne's expertise with the funding proposal and application process, she also understands the reporting requirements involved after funding has been received, having managed grant reporting for federal and state agencies and community colleges and non-profits. She has supported work with specific priority populations, including low-income communities, incarcerated or formerly incarcerated individuals, Veterans, and persons with disabilities. Joanne is adjunct faculty at a community college and has keen workforce development insights from a higher education perspective. With her multi-faceted experience, Joanne offers clear and actionable review and feedback to assist with proposals and help expand an organization's knowledge with an outlook to future funding possibilities.

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Next Level Nonprofit Consulting

Ann Craig and Lynn Egli, managing partners of Next Level Nonprofit Consulting, will be providing direct, personal technical assistance to applicants. **Coaching Experience:** We have provided Technical Assistance to over 70 Workforce Ready applicants during Workforce Ready Grants Round 1 (2022) and Round 2 (2023) cycles. **Expertise:** We are hands-on, nonprofit practitioners with years of experience in forming, growing, funding and operational management of nonprofits and educational institutions. Our technical experience is especially strong in grant writing/management, financial/budget planning, operations, and board governance. Our nonprofit sector experience is especially strong in youth, disabilities, rural communities, and higher education. **Oregon-based:** Ann lives in Portland and has been very successful over the past 15 years in writing large federal, state and foundation grants. Lynn lives in Eugene has founded and grown several new nonprofits and serves on multiple nonprofit board

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Wisdom Consulting

Wisdom Consulting provides consultation on research design, proposals, and activities to individuals, nonprofits, universities, federal agencies, and industry. Lead Jennifer Wisdom, PhD MPH ABPP is a psychologist, author, consultant, and speaker. She has worked with complex health care, government, and educational environments for 25 years, including serving active duty in the U.S. military, working with non-profit service delivery programs, and as faculty in higher education. She has a PhD in Clinical Psychology and a Master of Public Health in Epidemiology and Biostatistics; she is also board certified as a business and organizational consulting psychologist. Joining Wisdom Consulting is Cynthia Drake Morrow, PhD MA, a consultant and medical writer with grant writing experience in research, clinical care, and non-profit publishing and journalism. She holds a PhD in Health Services Research and a Master of Arts in Bioethics. Based in Michigan, Dr. Morrow teaches graduate courses in public health and research methods.

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