

Treasurer's Report October 2021

1. Funding opportunities:

- a) Skills for Success funding has been approved for \$50,000 (x 2 years). Inspire Program \$25,000 (x 2 years) and Online Challenges \$25,000 (x 2 years).
- b) ITA has approved a 3-year agreement for the total amount of \$105,000 funding regional and Inspire programs.
- c) Skills BC is working with the ITA to identify additional funding it may apply for.
- d) South Island Partnership raised \$15,000 in sponsorship for the Inspire program. These funds will be administered by SCBC. The funds will be used to pay contractor fees and expenses.
- e) Additional ESDC funding of \$50,000 has been approved, funding Online Challenges and Inspire programs
- f) Skills BC submitted a proposal for additional \$150,000 funding from ESDC (through the Skills Alberta initiative) that could be used to host try-a-trade activities and is subject to approval.
- g) Skills BC is actively working with sponsors/partners to secure sponsorship funding for 2021/22.

2. Unaudited Financial Statements for fiscal ending August 31, 2021:

- a) The revenue was significantly lower than budgeted due to economic downturn.
 - i) In fiscal 2021, the organization was operating without ITA funding (\$150,000) as it was budgeted based on previous annual commitments.
 - ii) Due to decrease in provincial competitions activities, ESDC funding has not been fully utilized which resulted in 35% reductions in funding as was budgeted.
 - iii) There were significant reductions in both sponsorship and registration funds.
 - iv) Overall, the funds received were 59% lower than budgeted; a decrease of 29% compared with short fiscal August 31, 2020.
 - v) The organization has claimed wage subsidies of \$89,735 during the fiscal year.
- b) The cost of project was also significantly lower than budgeted due to decrease in program activities. The operation and administration expenses were in line with the budgeted amounts.
- c) Overall, the organization performance was worse than budgeted and resulted in \$64,040 in deficit. This is due to Skills BC not being able to apply for slippage from the ESDC funding as it did in the previous year. The National Office applied 2021 slippage to purchasing climate action kits for the MOs to distribute to schools. Going forward, the MOs are asking the National Office to not make purchases like this again with slippage from the ESDC funding, but rather allow the MOs to apply for the slippage as many MOs are finding themselves in funding deficits due to the downturned economy and ongoing pandemic.

- 3. The organization is in a strong financial position as it has, as of October 22, 2021, there is a total of \$506,318 in cash reserves. This includes the \$40,000 interest free loan of which only \$30,000 is repayable (Dec 31, 2022). As well, SCBC is in the process of apply for additional government grants and sponsorship funding that could have a positive financial impact for the 2021/22 fiscal year.