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LOCAL BUSINESSES RECEIVE INNOVATION TRAINING FUNDS

Eugene, Oregon, April 26, 2018 – Lane Workforce Partnership and Lane County’s Community and Economic Development Department awarded two businesses with funds totaling \$36,150.

- **Dune Sciences, Inc. - \$6,150**

Under the business consortium of Dune Sciences, Inc., three rapidly growing companies (Defunkify, Cowbucker, and Animosa) received funds to bring a nationally recognized trainer in selling on the worldwide web to Eugene. The training builds skills for critical technologies – namely learning to sell on the world’s most important online marketplace, increasing innovation, and competition. In addition, the training will improve local innovation by adding to the local expertise of area businesses and enhancing the ability of local businesses to effectively compete in national and international markets.

If you are interested in participating in this training please contact Sue Thompson at sue@laneworkforce.org

- **Food for Lane County - \$30,000**

Food for Lane County proposes to offer hands on skills training to people who may face challenges to employment in a supporting and structured environment preparing them for employment in food and beverage warehousing. Food for Lane County will use the funds to train 16 people over the next year in the areas of: safe food handling, warehouse equipment, temperature control, safety skills, inventory, handling of food orders, inventory record keeping, and work readiness skills. Completers of the course will obtain a Food Handler’s Permit, Forklift Certification, and a Lane Community College noncredit certificate in Food Warehousing Training.

For information regarding consideration for the training, please contact Food for Lane County at (541)343-2822.