



Key Partners in the Design of Skills for Chicagoland's Future

Non-Profit Organizations

Chicago Career Tech - CCT played a lead role of designing, researching, writing, and creating business and financial plan for Skills for Chicagoland's Future. CCT was the lead author of the SCF business plan. They utilized four directors of management and guidance from Chicago Career Tech's Board of Directors. Finally, CCT conducted operations of existing organization while planning for transformation to Skills for Chicagoland's Future.

Civic Consulting Alliance - A nonprofit and pro bono consulting organization, CCA provided expert consulting to assist in leading the negotiation of key elements of the plan that potentially crossed multiple areas of scope or organizational missions. CCA was a crucial party in also illuminating key decisions and then facilitating the drive to decision. CCA provided a ½ time project manager and partial time of the CEO.

Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership - As the workforce board in Chicago and Cook County, the CEO of CCWP played a key role in providing input into the proposed business plan and expert guidance on the coordination with the workforce entities and delegate agencies in Chicagoland. CCWP was also a key partner in assisting with identifying the areas of gap and opportunities to best leverage the workforce agencies in Chicagoland.

Consulting

McKinsey & Co. - McKinsey & Co. provided pro bono consulting for the City of Chicago's Economic Growth Plan via World Business Chicago at the same time that Chicago Career Tech began the design of the business plan for SCF. McKinsey & Co. generously provided their analytical and research capabilities to the SCF business planning effort. In particular, McKinsey & Co provided necessary national and local labor market data as well as best practice research regarding other types nonprofits focused on demand driven work. McKinsey also performed a QA function of the business planning effort by participating in and analyzing proposed financial and outcome metrics for SCF.

Government

City of Chicago - The City of Chicago and Mayor's Office played a key role in providing input into the business plan design, identifying funding to launch the initiative, and spotlighting and publicly supporting the initiative. Mayor Emanuel was instrumental in lending his support of SCF calling it a signature initiative of the Mayor's Office.

Cook County - Cook County and the Office of the Chief of Staff played a key role in providing input in the business plan design as well as publicly supporting the initiative. President Preckwinkle was key to lending her support of SCF calling it a signature initiative of Cook County.



Foundations

The Joyce Foundation - The Joyce Foundation provided thought leadership and expertise in the workforce space, input into the business plan and assistance in evaluating the opportunities for private funding for the concept. The Joyce Foundation also provided a planning grant to fund a portion of the Chicago Career Tech activities related to designing the business plan.

The Pritzker Traubert Family Foundation - The Pritzker Traubert Family Foundation provided the thought leadership of both the program staff lead and SCF's founding Chair, Penny Pritzker. The foundation was a key leader in designing and evaluating the business plan, assisting in the design of the Board of Directors structure, and connecting the efforts to the national Skills for America's Future efforts.