

our goal, as I said earlier by putting this language in, was to send a message to the Department of Economic Development that we want to have these funds placed in as diverse a manner as we possibly can to help as many different areas in the state as we possibly can and for them to continue...for them to continue to leverage federal funds. As Senator Moore had said to you, and Senator Coordsen, I believe agreed, that the number of job training projects that he was talking about that were over a \$100,000 were, for the most part, community block grant funds. They were not program funds like these. We have never had this kind of money before. We have had like a \$150,000 in the program, now all of a sudden we have got a million. Well, you can't take \$150,000 and have three projects over a \$100,000 in one year. Obviously, you can't. These are total funds that are...some of them are vocational education funds. Some of the are grants from Crow Perkins to the J.T.P.A. Some of them are the community block grant funds so that the total projects may be a 100,000, 200,000, 300,000 but they aren't the kind of funds we're talking about here. Our goal is to have them continue to leverage for those funds, to work with the federal government on the block grant funds and to diversify the project to as many areas of the state that they can. I have been assured by the department people that would be somewhat in charge if not totally in charge of this program. They have gotten our message. They do want to diversify. They will continue to leverage for outside funds, federal funds and create the same partnership that we have had before. So...but they are looking for the flexibility to go above this in the rare instance that it might happen. I don't feel that we'll have that situation. I think that using a \$100,000 of this project money and leverage with other community block grant programs we could still exceed that fairly easily. If the body decides they want to give them total flexibility, I hope that by saying what I have said in the record the department will still exercise the same diligence and leveraging that they have assured me that they would just a few minutes ago.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, well, on the same vein, I would like to ask a question of Senator Coordsen.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Coordsen, please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Yes, sir.