

WorkSource Information Notice (WIN)

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Expiration Date: June 30, 2016

TO: Workforce Development System Partners

FROM: Gary Kamimura, Workforce Policy Director

SUBJECT: Availability of State Rapid Response Funds to Address Significant Declines in Local PY15/FY16 WIOA Title I Dislocated Worker Formula Allotments

Purpose:

Several Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) experienced significant declines from Program Year 2014 (PY14) to Program Year 2015 (PY15) in both Adult and Dislocated Worker funds, but may still be serving large numbers of dislocated workers. When LWDBs experience significant reductions in Dislocated Worker funding, there is normally little recourse beyond pursuing Rapid Response Additional Assistance to address layoff events when Dislocated Worker formula funds prove insufficient.

In this first year of WIOA there was no federal hold harmless for Dislocated Worker. Employment Security (ESD) is offering the opportunity for LWDBs that experienced a 10 percent or greater decline in Dislocated Worker formula funds from PY14 to PY15 (see [Attachment A](#)) to apply for up to \$975,000 in state Rapid Response funds that have been reserved to ensure that dislocated workers continue to receive sufficient services. \$975,000 from the PY16 funds will be available on October 1, 2015.

This is a one-time opportunity for qualifying LWDBs to ensure stability and sufficient services to dislocated workers as local areas transition from WIA to WIOA, recognizing that the federal hold harmless provision is expected to be reinstated for Dislocated Worker in the ensuing program year.

Action Required:

LWDBs and their contractors, as well as ESD Regional Directors, must distribute this guidance broadly throughout the system to ensure that staff and partners in the WorkSource system are familiar with its content.

Content:

LWDBs that qualify for and pursue state Rapid Response assistance under this initiative must submit an application to ESD's Rapid Response Unit for the funds available October 1, 2015.

Each application must include the following:

1. A formal request (e-mail or letter) for state Rapid Response funds pursuant to WIN 0071
2. Name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the LWDB contact
3. Planned number of dislocated workers to be served with the requested funds
4. Dislocated Worker Participant Planning Form
5. Dislocated Worker Budget Form

Recommendations for approval will be based on the following:

1. Consistency with the participant plan for the PY15/FY16 Dislocated Worker formula funds as defined by cost pers derived from expenditures divided by the number of participants served.
2. Consistency with the local area's negotiated entered employment rate as defined by number of placements divided by number of participants.
3. Consistency as it relates to proportionality to the line item budget provided for the PY15/FY16 Dislocated Worker formula grant.

The Rapid Response funds reserved for this assistance are to be regarded as funds of last resort. To that end, LWDBs that apply for this assistance must reach a 70 percent expenditure rate on their PY15/FY16 Dislocated Worker formula funds (verified by ESD's Financial and Administrative Services Division) before these Rapid Response reserve funds, in that order, are accessed.

These funds will be subject to Rapid Response quarterly reporting requirements.

References:

None.

Website:

http://www.wa.gov/esd/1stop/policies/state_guidance.htm

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Attachments:

[Attachment A](#) – Dislocated Worker Formula Allotments by WDA, PY 2014 vs. PY 2015

Attachment A

DISLOCATED WORKER		PY 15	PY 14	Variance \$	Variance %
	1 - Olympic	\$501,034	\$588,518	(\$87,484)	-14.9%
	2 - Pacific Mountain	\$1,360,524	\$1,040,084	\$320,440	30.8%
	3 - Northwest	\$950,752	\$747,433	\$203,319	27.2%
	4 - Snohomish	\$779,095	\$1,237,386	(\$458,291)	-37.0%
	5 - Seattle-King County	\$1,961,762	\$2,923,893	(\$962,131)	-32.9%
	6 - Tacoma-Pierce County	\$2,120,225	\$1,709,891	\$410,334	24.0%
	7 - Southwest	\$1,563,606	\$1,063,381	\$500,225	47.0%
	8 - North Central	\$661,506	\$600,236	\$61,270	10.2%
	9 - South Central	\$1,180,811	\$835,761	\$345,050	41.3%
	10 - Eastern	\$351,838	\$307,414	\$44,424	14.5%
	11 - Benton-Franklin	\$835,378	\$672,829	\$162,549	24.2%
	12 - Spokane Area	\$1,180,455	\$959,966	\$220,489	23.0%
TOTALS	\$13,446,986	\$12,686,792	\$760,194	6.0%	