



LOS ANGELES COUNTY

WIA/ARRA Adult and Dislocated Worker Program DIRECTIVE

Number: WIA/ARRA ADW D09-06

Subject: Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
Designating 45% of Funding for Training and
Needs Related/Support Services

Date: June 23, 2009

Effective Date: July 1, 2009

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OVERVIEW:

County of Los Angeles WorkSource Center contractors have been selected to deliver Workforce Investment Act (WIA) services with funding allocated to the County under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. In connection with this funding, the Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) has established a number of policies concerning priority target groups and designations, which includes forty-five percent (45%) of funding being earmarked for training and needs related/support services.

Purpose:

This directive provides information and guidance to County WIA/ARRA Adult and Dislocated Worker program contractors on the WIB's policy concerning the designation of forty-five percent (45%) of funding for training and needs-related payments/support services.

Scope:

This directive applies to contractors operating WIA/ARRA Adult and Dislocated Worker programs through the Los Angeles County WorkSource Center system.

Effective Date:

This directive is effective on July 1, 2009.

BACKGROUND

ARRA provides significant funding for WIA to support employment and training services as part of a comprehensive program to stimulate the U.S. economy. Based on the overarching goals and objectives of the Recovery Act, the Los Angeles County WIB has established a series of policies to guide the local design and implementation of WIA/ARRA programs.

POLICY/PROCEDURES

Policy:

On April 24, 2009 the WIB approved a policy designating Forty-Five Percent (45%) of all WIA/ARRA Adult and Dislocated Program funds specifically for training and supportive services/needs-related payments. They did so based on the following:

DOL TEN No. 30-08, which provides initial guidance on the use of WIA funds under ARRA, states:

“Both the Recovery Act and the Conference Report language emphasize that employment and training funds should be primarily spent on services and training and ETA expects states and local areas to keep administrative expenditures to a minimum.”

Furthermore, DOL Training Employment and Guidance Letter (TEGL) 14-08 discusses the need to ensure that supportive services and needs-related payments are available to participants. Because of the nature of our nation’s changing economy, many unemployed job seekers may need training to increase their skills and gain employment. ETA encourages states and local areas to establish policies that assure that supportive services and needs-related payments are available to job seekers.

Based on DOL guidance regarding the need to emphasize training and need-related/support services under WIA/ARRA programs, the WIB approved a policy requiring that a minimum of forty-five percent (45%) of contracted Adult and Dislocated Worker funds be used for these purposes. Training includes institutional/classroom programs delivered by public and private schools on WIA Eligible Training Provider List (I-TRAIN), work-based programs, which include customized training and on-the-job (OJT) training programs, and other training services authorized under WIA. Needs-related payments and supportive services will be delivered in accordance with the WIA statute and regulations and local policy directives.

Procedures:

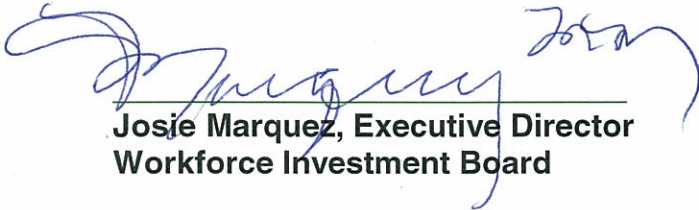
In order to meet the requirements of the above-described policy, WIA contractors must develop and implement internal procedures to ensure no less than 45% of contracted WIA/ARRA Adult and Dislocated Worker funds be used for training and need-related/support services.

ACTION

Los Angeles County WIA Contractors should ensure that the policies and procedures described herein are communicated throughout the operations, management and governance structure of the contractor organization and that this directive is appropriately maintained until further notice.

INQUIRIES

If you have any questions regarding this directive, please contact Maggie Mireles, Program Manager, at (213) 738-2198 or Irene Pelayo at (213) 351-5246 or by e-mail at ipelayo@css.lacounty.gov.



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