

Distribution of WIA Title IB Unawarded Incentive Grant Funds

589-020-0260 (1) Purpose: The purpose of this rule is to establish the requirements and procedures for distribution and use of WIA Title IB Unawarded Incentive Grant Funds.

(2) Definitions:

(a) Failure to Meet: Actual performance for any of the 17 core performance indicators that fall below 80% of the negotiated level of performance. Technical assistance is required to be provided under WIA Section 134(a)(2)(B)(iv) to Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIAs) that fail to meet local performance measures.

(b) Incentive Grant Funds: A portion of the fifteen percent Statewide Employment and Training Activities funds under WIA Title IB section 134(a)(2)(B)(iii) that is required to be used to award exemplary performance by local areas on the local performance measures.

(c) Local Performance Measure: A performance measure established under section 136(c) of WIA. Local performance measures consist of the 17 core performance indicators established under section 136(b)(2)(A) of WIA and fall into four program areas – adult, dislocated worker, youth, and customer satisfaction.

(d) Local Workforce Investment Area(s): The area(s) in the state designated by the Governor under section 116 of WIA to which WIA Title IB funds are allocated to carry out WIA Title IB programs.

(e) Negotiated Levels of Performance: Numeric performance targets agreed to by the LWIA and State WIA Title IB administering agency on behalf of the Governor.

(f) Unawarded Incentive Grant Funds: Those funds remaining after all incentive awards have been made.

(3) Unawarded Incentive Grant Fund Use:

(a) Funds shall be made available for technical assistance/program improvement to those LWIAs whose performance for any of the 17 core performance indicators falls below 80% of the negotiated performance level.

(b) Funds may be used for any allowable WIA Title IB activities in support of a program improvement plan to correct identified deficiencies that led to failure to meet agreed upon levels of performance.

(c) Funds not used for “failure to meet” technical assistance/program improvement for any of the 17 core performance indicators that fall below 80% of the negotiated level of performance will revert to the State administering agency’s budget for 15% Statewide Employment and Training Activities funds under WIA Title IB.

(4) Unawarded Incentive Grant Funds Distribution:

(a) LWIAs seeking funds to support technical assistance/program improvement for “failure to meet” negotiated performance levels as defined under (2)(a) of this OAR, may submit a technical assistance/program improvement plan (TA/PIP) in writing to the State WIA Title IB administering agency. The TA/PIP shall be submitted timely, identify the problem/issue to be remedied, and provide a budget supporting the work to be accomplished.

(b) The State Title IB WIA administering agency may initiate a T/A-PIP plan for a LWIA failing to meet the negotiated performance levels for a performance measure or measures.

(c) Funds remaining after all technical assistance has been provided as required under (2)(a) and (3)(a) of this OAR will revert to the State administering agency's budget for 15% Statewide Employment Training and Activities funds under WIA Title IB. These funds may be redesignated for allowable uses under WIA Title IB.

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