

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA)



Of the new \$787 billion dollar economic stimulus package, or American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, approximately \$4 billion or ½% was designated for job training. Locally, in the eight (8) county region of western Wisconsin, that translates into just over \$1 million to the Workforce Development Board for services to: 1) economically disadvantaged youth; 2) long term unemployed adults; and 3) dislocated workers. The Western Wisconsin Workforce Development Board, Inc. (WDB) and Local Elected Officials are expected to ratify plans for use of these stimulus funds on April 20, 2009.

The U.S. Department of Labor and Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development expect these funds will be guided by four principles:

- Transparency and accountability;
- Timely spending and implementation;
- Increasing workforce system capacity and service levels; and
- Using data and workforce information to guide strategic planning and service delivery.

About 1/3rd of the stimulus funds are designated largely for a summer youth program for economically disadvantaged youth aged 16-24 providing over 100 mostly “green” jobs. Plans for this program have been reviewed by the Youth Council for recommendations to the WDB on April 20, 2009. The largest portion of the stimulus funds or about 55% is allocated to dislocated workers, meaning those workers who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. Plans to bring to the WDB on April 20th for review and consideration are customized training projects for dislocated workers in areas projected to be in demand during as well as after the recession including training in weatherization, roofing/framing, building maintenance, welding, and select healthcare occupations. In total about 400-500 economically disadvantaged youth, dislocated workers and other long term unemployed adults are expected to receive services and/or training that will lead to employment with these stimulus funds.

WIA Under American Recovery & Reinvestment Act Allocations by WDA

WDA Name		Adult			Youth			Dislocated Worker		
			Share	Allocation		Share	Allocation		Share	Allocation
1	Southeast		8.04%	\$354,399		8.44%	\$990,638		8.22%	\$791,795
2	Milwaukee		36.44%	\$1,605,474		36.29%	\$4,260,036		22.94%	\$2,210,446
3	WOW		4.55%	\$200,451		4.63%	\$543,067	X	5.52%	\$531,606
4	Fox Valley		6.10%	\$268,904		6.30%	\$739,060		8.35%	\$804,413
5	Bay Area	X	7.91%	\$348,334	X	7.77%	\$912,114		8.70%	\$837,935
6	NorthCentral		6.57%	\$289,696		6.64%	\$779,402		9.37%	\$902,511
7	Northwest		9.60%	\$422,971		6.70%	\$786,846		4.85%	\$467,409
8	West Central		5.55%	\$244,538		6.87%	\$806,099		5.11%	\$492,670
9	Western	X	2.91%	\$128,441	X	3.00%	\$352,081		6.00%	\$578,526
10	South Central	X	7.29%	\$321,424	X	8.24%	\$966,801		12.07%	\$1,163,205
11	Southwest		5.03%	\$221,643		5.12%	\$601,346		8.88%	\$855,248
	Total		100.00%	\$4,406,276		100.00%	\$11,737,490		100.00%	\$9,635,764

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Source: US DOL TEGL 13-08, March 2009