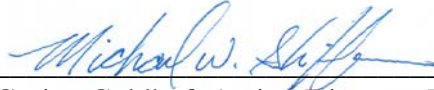


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Department of Labor and Workforce Development

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1) Parties Affected

Alaskan Workforce Investment Act (WIA) grantees

2) Purpose

To define how the State will reserve funds under Section 128(a) of WIA to provide additional assistance to local areas that have high concentrations of eligible youth. The State of Alaska only has one Local Area.

3) Definitions

- a) *Eligible youth* (see Policy Number 306.00)
- b) *Local area*, for the purpose of this policy, is defined as the census areas as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, not “Local Area” as defined local workforce investment areas
- c) *Department* is defined as the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development
- d) *Division* is defined as the Division of Business Partnerships, Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development
- e) *Program Year* is defined as the period of July 1 through June 30

4) Policy

The policy of the State of Alaska for WIA Section 128(a) is to provide additional assistance to local areas that have a high concentration of eligible youth. Since Alaska has only one local workforce investment area, local areas are defined in terms of census areas. Each Program Year, the Director of Business Partnerships shall determine the amount of funding allocated from that year’s WIA Statewide funds to be used to provide services for areas of high concentrations of eligible youth. Of the amount of funds allocated:

Fifty percent (50%) will be distributed evenly between the WIA Youth grantees located in the local areas in which the number of eligible youth in poverty exceeds the State average percent of eligible youth in poverty according to the 2000 U.S. Census. If there is more than

one grantee in a Census Area, the total for that local area will be equally divided among the grantees representing that area.

Fifty percent (50%) of the funds will be distributed by the percentage of eligible youth in poverty in the local areas. If there is more than one eligible grantee in a local area, the funds for that area will be distributed equally between grantees.

The allocation of funds for high concentrations of youth will be provided to the grantees through an amendment to their current year grant. The grant funds must be used for allowable Youth program activities in accordance with the Act.

Any funds provided to a Youth grantee for high concentration of youth must be expended in the year in which the award is made. Any funds that are not expended at the end of the year will revert to the WIA statewide funding.

Examples:

Total Funds Available for areas of Highly Concentrated Eligible Youth: \$30,000

1. The following local areas have exceeded the average state percentage of youth in poverty (10.48%) and have youth WIA grantees. Additional local areas may be added, as grantees are included from other areas. 50% of the allocated funds will be distributed among youth grantees from the following areas:

Grantee A	Bethel	\$3,000
Grantee B	Fairbanks	\$3,000
	(Currently, this would be divided by three grantees)	
Grantee C	Matanuska Susitna Borough`	\$3,000
Grantee D	Nome	\$3,000
Grantee E	Southeast Fairbanks	\$3,000
	(Currently, this would be divided by three grantees)	
Total		\$15,000

2. The following local areas have youth grantees and would receive the following funds according to the U.S. Census information:

	Eligible Youth	%	
Grantees A –C Anchorage (three grantees in Anchorage)	20,366	39.3	\$5,895.00
Grantee D Bethel	3,768	7.3%	\$1,090.59
Grantees E-G Fairbanks (three grantees in Fairbanks)	12,145	23.4%	\$3,515.19
Grantee H Juneau	2,049	4.0%	\$593.05
Grantee I Kenai	4,746	9.2%	\$1,373.66
Grantee J Mat Su	6,501	12.5%	\$1,881.62
Grantee K Nome	1,630	3.1%	\$471.78
Grantee L Sitka	620	1.2%	\$179.45
Total	51,825	100.0%	\$15,000

Eligible Youth by Census Area

Census Area	Eligible Youth in Poverty	Total Population	Percent Eligible Youth in Poverty	Exceed state average # youth in poverty
State of Alaska	64,257	613,061	10.48%	
Aleutians East Borough	297	2,693	11.03%	X
Aleutians West Census Area	326	5,403	6.03%	
Anchorage Borough	20,366	254,373	8.01%	
Bethel Census Area	3,768	15,693	24.01%	X
Bristol Bay Borough	90	1,258	7.15%	
Denali Borough	80	1,787	4.48%	
Dillingham Census Area	938	4,880	19.22%	X
Fairbanks North Star Borough	11,163	79,754	14.00%	X
Haines Borough	266	2,380	11.18%	X
Juneau Borough	2,049	30,116	6.80%	
Kenai Peninsula Borough	4,746	48,412	9.80%	
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	1,065	13,823	7.70%	
Kodiak Island Borough	1,105	13,731	8.05%	
Lake and Peninsula Borough	284	1,810	15.69%	X
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	6,501	58,321	11.15%	X
Nome Census Area	1,630	9,002	18.11%	X
North Slope Borough	760	7,315	10.39%	
Northwest Arctic Borough	1,206	7,158	16.85%	X
Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	962	6,107	15.75%	X
Sitka Borough	620	8,551	7.25%	
Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	294	3,423	8.59%	
Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	982	6,045	16.24%	X
Valdez-Cordova Census Area	843	10,063	8.38%	
Wade Hampton Census Area	2,165	7,004	30.91%	X
Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area	526	6,649	7.91%	
Yakutat Borough	70	790	8.86%	
Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	1,155	6,520	17.71%	X

5) Responsibilities

- a) As delegated by the Governor and the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the Director of Business Partnerships will annually determine the amount of funds set aside from that year's statewide funds that will be allocated to the high concentration of youth set aside.
- b) Annually, the Division of Business Partnerships will determine the distribution of high concentration of youth set aside to youth grantees based on the Census information.
- c) Grantees receiving funding for high concentrations of youth will expend those funds for allowable WIA youth program activities in accordance with the Act.