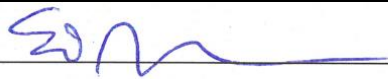


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Parties Affected

This policy applies to the Division of Employment and Training Services (DETS) staff and recipients of public funds through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

Background

The WIOA and associated regulations require states to annually allocate WIOA Title 1B Youth, Adult and Dislocated Workers funds among local workforce areas in the state. Alaska has been approved by the United States Department of Labor as a Single State Local Area due to Alaska's unique labor market and geographic workforce distribution.

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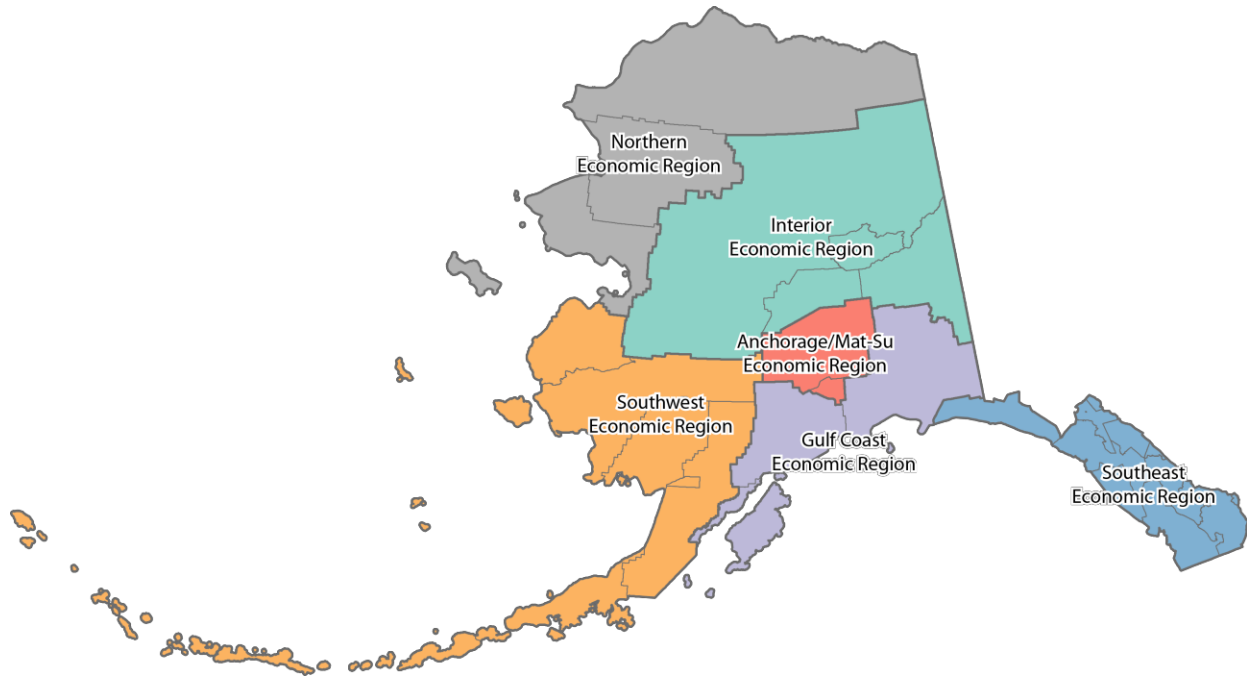
The DETS will allocate WIOA funds to serve six economic regions as defined in the 2016 WIOA State Plan. The six regions are: Northern, Interior, Southwestern, Southcentral, Gulf Coast and Southeast. The formula for regional distribution of resources targets are based upon State Level needs and regional needs.

State Level Distribution of Funds

The DETS will annually:

1. Reserve five percent of Alaska's WIOA Youth, Adult and Dislocated Worker federal allotments for statewide administration.
2. Reserve ten percent of Alaska's WIOA Youth, Adult and Dislocated Worker federal allotments for statewide projects.

3. Reserve up to twenty-five percent of the Dislocated Worker federal allotment for statewide rapid response activities.



Distribution of Funds Between Economic Regions

From the balance of WIOA Youth, Adult and Dislocated Worker allotments after the statewide distributions, the DETS Director or designee will determine the amount or percent of funding to be distributed to the economic regions for each program. WIOA Youth allocations will be distributed primarily through competitive grants. Adult and Dislocated Worker allocations will be distributed through the job centers for Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) and Supportive Services, and through competitive grants. The most recent labor market, employment and unemployment data available from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section will be used in the following allocation formulas.

WIOA Youth

As much as is practicable, from the total to be distributed between economic regions:

1. One third shall be allocated on the basis of the relative number of unemployed individuals in areas of substantial unemployment (census areas with an unemployment rate of 6.5% or higher) in each economic region compared to the total number of unemployed individuals in areas of substantial unemployment statewide;
2. One third shall be allocated on the basis of the relative excess number of unemployed individuals (census areas with an unemployment rate of 4.5% or higher) in each economic region compared to the total excess number of unemployed individuals statewide; and
3. One third shall be allocated on the basis of the relative number of disadvantaged youth in each economic region compared to the total number of disadvantaged youth statewide.

WIOA Adult

As much as is practicable, from the total to be distributed between economic regions:

1. One fourth shall be allocated on the basis of the relative number of unemployed individuals in areas of substantial unemployment (census areas with an unemployment rate of 6.5% or higher) in each economic region compared to the total number of unemployed individuals in areas of substantial unemployment statewide;
2. One fourth shall be allocated on the basis of the relative excess number of unemployed individuals in each economic region compared to the total excess number of unemployed individuals statewide;
3. One fourth shall be allocated on the basis of the relative number of disadvantaged adults in each economic region compared to the total number of disadvantaged adults statewide; and
4. One fourth shall be allocated on the basis of the relative number of employed individuals in each economic region compared to the total number of employed individuals statewide.

WIOA Dislocated Worker

As much as is practicable, from the total to be distributed between economic regions:

1. One fourth shall be allocated on the basis of the relative number of insured unemployed individuals in each economic region compared to the total number of insured unemployed individuals statewide;
2. One fourth shall be allocated on the basis of the relative concentrations of unemployed individuals (census areas with an unemployment rate of 6.5% or higher) in each economic region compared to the total concentrations of unemployed individuals statewide;
3. One fourth shall be allocated on the basis of the relative number of long-term unemployed (15 weeks or more) individuals in each economic region compared to the total number of long-term unemployed individuals statewide; and
4. One fourth shall be allocated on the basis of the relative number of employed individuals in each economic region compared to the total number of employed individuals statewide.

Reallocations

The DETS Director or designee may reallocate WIOA Youth, Adult, and/or Dislocated Worker between the economic regions to make effective and efficient use of the funds while taking into consideration statewide needs.

Transfer of Funds Between Adult and Dislocated Worker

Transfer authority of up to 100 percent of funds between the Adult and Dislocated Worker programs is provided to the DETS Director or designee by the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) through resolution 16-06.

Transfer to Statewide Activities

Unobligated second year rapid response funds and unobligated third year Youth, Adult and Dislocated Worker funds may be transferred to statewide activities.