



LOS ANGELES COUNTY

WIA Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Programs

INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

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American Recovery and Reinvestment
Act (ARRA) of 2009

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FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

TO: WIA Contractors:

This bulletin is being issued to provide the County's current WIA service providers with basic information concerning the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 and the provisions of the Stimulus Bill that will significantly augment funding under the WIA program in programs year 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.

Please note that this bulletin is not intended to communicate or imply that any specific contractor will receive an increase in its WIA allocation as the result of Federal Stimulus funding for WIA. Rather, it is the County's aim to share information on this matter so that contractors are aware of the possibility of funding increases should the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and the Board of Supervisors decide to supplement funding of current contractors.

Over the next few weeks, as decisions are made by the County regarding the specific use of ARRA WIA funding, we will communicate this information to the contractor community.

Overview of ARRA

ARRA was signed into law on Tuesday, February 17, 2009. The Act includes a combination of tax cuts and spending totaling \$787 billion, which are intended to create and/or save 3.5 million jobs by rebuilding America's infrastructure, making the U.S. more globally competitive and energy independent, and transforming the economy.

Provisions Concerning WIA Funding

ARRA includes \$3,950,000,000 for WIA programs. Within this amount:

- \$2,950,000,000 is provided for formula grants to the States for training and employment services; and

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- \$1,000,000,000 will be retained by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) for special projects and purposes as specified below.

The \$2,950,000,000 is allocated to the three WIA Program funds streams as follows:

Adult Program	\$500,000,000
Dislocated Worker Program	\$1,250,000,000
Youth Program	\$1,200,000,000

Funds are to be allotted to States within 30 days of enactment. The County is currently awaiting notification from the State regarding its precise share of WIA Stimulus funds.

WIA Service Requirements under ARRA

Largely, all statutory and regulatory features of WIA remain intact with regard to the stimulus funding, with the exception of the following:

- A stand-alone summer employment program is allowable. The program is a priority for Congress, in addition to supplementing year-round WIA youth programs. Funds used for the summer employment program are subject to a single performance measure (work readiness), rather than the three measures that apply to year-round youth programs:
- The age of eligibility for youth (currently 14 to 21) is extended to 24.
- The WIB may contract for training with institutions of higher education and other eligible training providers.

County Planning for WIA Stimulus-Funded Programs

Given the amount of WIA Stimulus funding and the very short timeframe for its expenditure, the County is committed to developing a plan for the utilization of funding that is both efficient and effective. Within the next month, staff will present recommendations to the WIB for review and approval.

Service Provider Planning

While decision-makers at all levels of County government continue to review and evaluate options for efficient and effective utilization of WIA Stimulus funds, service

providers should evaluate their capacity and preparedness to expand services. This assessment should take into account staff size and knowledge base, availability of space/facilities and access to institutional and community resources that are likely to be required to increase the size and scope of programs within a short time frame. By developing a clear and accurate picture of current capacity and expansion potential, service providers will be better able to respond to any increases in funding that may occur through the allocation of additional WIA funds from the Stimulus Bill.

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