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To: Local Workforce Development Areas (LWDAs)

From: Lynn Larson DES Deputy Assistant Director Division of Employment and Rehabilitation Services (DERS)

Subject: PY21/FY22 - Funding Opportunities

The following ALERTS are attached:

<u>ALERT</u>

FUND SOURCE/TYPE

ALERT PY21/FY22-5

One-Time Funding Opportunity

The ALERTS are subject to change as additional information is received by DERS pertaining to the funding sources identified.

ALERTS are available on the Division website using the link: <u>https://des.az.gov/WIOATitle1FundsAllocation</u>

For any questions regarding this ALERT, please contact wioaprogram@azdes.gov

CC: Anna Hunter, Tom Colombo, David Almaraz, Rachael Leisen, Aaron Johnson, Sara Agostinho, Jennifer Kelley, Matthew Smith, Jordan Dodeward, Regina Weiler, Ali Gamero-Hernandez, Shawn Hyde, Nancy Meeden Approximately \$10M is available to Local Workforce Development Areas to support various employment and training programs as allowable under <u>20 CFR § 682.200</u> and <u>20 CFR § 682.210</u>, with the following focus areas:

- Occupational Skills Training
- Youth Programming
- Innovative Pilot Programs
- Apprenticeships/Pre-Apprenticeships
- Support Services for Program Participants
- Technical Assistance Support / Best Practices Convening

This one-time funding must be obligated by May 31, 2024, and liquidated by July 14, 2024 or the funding is reverted back to the Department of Economic Security. This funding must be tied directly to services or assistance provided to WIOA-eligible Youth, Adults, and Dislocated Workers. This funding cannot be used to replace or supplant any activity that is normally funded by another federal or state program or current WIOA Title 1B funding.

The following information must be submitted for consideration of the funding no later than **Friday**, **January 26th**, **2024**.

- **Project Narrative:** Provide a project narrative to include populations this project will serve, service areas or geographic areas, partner agencies included in the project, and the rationale/need for the project funding. The narrative should include the project timeline, anticipated outcomes how the project will measure success through implementation, performance, and accountability.
- **Budget:** Identify program costs including personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contractual, construction, indirect charges, and both federal and non-federal leveraged and/or matched funds. If awarded funding, justification on each program cost may be sought.
- Summary Table for LWDAs requesting funds for multiple activities (see SAMPLE).

Activity	Amount	Outcome
Pre-Apprenticeship	\$100,000	12 successfully completing students enter trades apprenticeship
Support Services	\$49,000	14 adults, 5 dislocated workers, and 25 youth participated in WIOA Title I-B career or training services with the provision of supportive services. Case management staff uploaded and entered information into AJC to document the payment of supportive services for federal reporting.
Grand Total Requested	\$149,000	

Proposals will be reviewed as they are received and evaluated for allowability as identified in <u>20 CFR §</u> <u>682.110</u> and <u>20 CFR § 683.110</u> with key considerations on planned completion dates and the ability to expedite fund expenditure. Awards will be announced no later than **Monday, February 12th, 2024.**

Requirements upon award:

- Obligations must be reported on the reimbursement reports. Any funds not obligated by May 31, 2024, must be returned to the Department of Economic Security.
- The final request for reimbursement must be submitted no later than July 15, 2024.
- Upon completion of the work, submit a narrative/presentation to share the results of the population benefiting from the effort, to learn from local community experience, and to showcase partnership successes.

Please send your questions to wioaprogram@azdes.gov.