

**COORDINATION OF WIOA AND OTHER TRAINING FUNDS****E-421****Purpose.**

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA of 2014, Section 134(c)(3)(B) stipulates that funds available to WIOA Title I participants shall be limited to individuals who are unable to obtain other grant assistance for such services, including Federal Pell Grants or require assistance beyond the assistance made available under other grant assistance programs, including Federal Pell Grants. This document outlines the policy of the Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board (SWWDB) regarding the use and coordination of WIOA funds with alternate funding sources.

Policy.

SWWDB will provide training assistance to eligible WIOA Title I participants and other workforce programs as allowed under applicable program contracts and regulations. To ensure non-duplication of services or payment for training, SWWDB will coordinate WIOA Title I training funds with other sources of funding for training related expenses. As required under 20 CFR 680.230, SWWDB will consider the availability of other sources of grants to pay for training costs (i.e. Division Of Vocational Rehabilitation, Trade Adjustment Assistance, FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Federal Pell Grants, etc.) so that WIOA funds supplement other sources of training assistance and not duplicate such assistance. SWWDB will consider the full cost of participating in training services, including the cost of support services and other appropriate costs including the training providers published cost of attendance.

SWWDB shall approve and allocate funds when participants are unable to obtain grant assistance from other sources to pay the costs of their training or require assistance beyond that available under grant assistance from other sources. SWWDB staff, program operators and training providers are to coordinate the funds available to pay for training to avoid duplicate payment of costs when an individual is eligible for both WIOA and other assistance.

All WIOA clients and other participants seeking training assistance through an SWWDB administered program must apply for financial aid prior to the start of classes. Participants are to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) thus ensuring access to all available financial assistance. SWWDB also encourages all participants to work with financial aid offices to identify alternate training funds and to submit applications for those funds.

SWWDB will allow eligible participants to enroll in training programs identified on the Statewide List of Eligible Training Programs while his/her application for a Pell Grant or other financial assistance is pending as long as staff make arrangements with the training provider and the participant regarding allocation of these resources once funds are subsequently awarded. In such cases, the training provider must reimburse SWWDB the equivalent amount of WIOA funds used to underwrite the training.

SWWDB staff and program operators shall comply with this policy and corresponding procedures. Fund coordination documentation is to be maintained in participants' files. Compliance with this policy will be reviewed during the SWWDB monitoring and will be a factor in SWWDB's evaluation of the program

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operator's performance. Any disallowed costs associated with failure of the program operator or its staff to comply with this policy will be the responsibility of the program operator.

The Board directs the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to implement this policy, and to develop and maintain procedures that will guide the coordination of training funds in a manner that is practical, uniform and complies with applicable federal and state laws and regulations. The Workforce Operations Manager is operationally responsible for administration of applicable procedures and oversight of staff and program operator compliance.

References: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, Public Law 113-128 dated July 22, 2014
Section 134(c)(3)(B)
20 CFR Part 680 et al. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Final Rules, Part 683,
Subpart B, Section 680.230

Free Application for Financial Aid (FAFSE) website (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>)

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