

Categories of Allowable and Unallowable Rapid Response Activities

Allowable RR Activities:

The RR Special Projects will only be funded for the following categories of allowable activities. These activities consist of RR allowable activities listed in Section 665.320 of Title 20 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and the employment generating activities listed in Section 667.262 of Title 20 CFR. The latter activities have been determined by State action to be allowable RR activities.

Each proposed special project must be associated with at least one of these categories. In the event of conflict between the below activity description and the description in the cited section of the CFR, the latter will prevail.

| Category Number | Allowable Activity |
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| 1 | Developing strategies for addressing future dislocation events in the local area. [Title 20 CFR 665.320(a)(1)] |
| 2 | Identifying strategies for averting layoffs in the local area. [Title 20 CFR 665.320(a)(2)] |
| 3 | Developing and maintaining means of exchanging information among local areas and with the State about potential dislocations, available adjustment assistance, and what RR strategies are effective. [Title 20 CFR 665.320(a)(3)] |
| 4 | Collecting and analyzing information related to actual economic dislocations in the local area, potential closings and layoffs in the local area, and all the various resources that are available to benefit dislocated workers in the local area in order to provide an adequate basis for effective program management, and to assist the State in reviewing and evaluating RR and layoff aversion efforts in the State. [Title 20 CFR 665.320(b)] Note: California Cooperative Occupational Information System will only be funded in the baseline category. |
| 5 | Participating in capacity building of other local areas through such means as providing information about innovative and successful strategies for serving dislocated workers to help the other local areas serve smaller layoffs. [Title 20 CFR 665.320(c)] |
| 6 | Assisting in devising and overseeing layoff aversion strategies for the local area. [Title 20 CFR 665.320(d)(1)] |
| 7 | Assisting in devising and overseeing strategies for incumbent worker training, including loan programs set up by employers to upgrade their employees' skills, in the local area. [Title 20 CFR 665.320(d)(2)] |
| 8 | Developing strategies for linking with economic development and business retention and recruitment activities. [Title 20 CFR 665.320(d)(3)] |
| 9 | Participation in business associations (such as chambers of commerce); joint labor management committees, labor associations, and resource centers. [Title 20 CFR 667.262(b)(2)] |

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| 10 | <p>WIA staff participation on economic development boards and commissions, and work with economic development agencies, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Provide information about WIA programs, (ii) Assist in making informed decisions about community job training needs, and (iii) Promote the use of first source hiring agreements and enterprise zone vouchering services. <p>[Title 20 CFR 667.262(b)(3)]</p> |
| 11 | Active participation in local business resource centers (incubators) to provide technical assistance to small and new business to reduce the rate of business failure. [Title 20 CFR 667.262(b)(4)] |
| 12 | Subscriptions to relevant publications. [Title 20 CFR 667.262(b)(5)] |
| 13 | General dissemination of information on WIA programs and activities. [Title 20 CFR 667.262(b)(6)] |
| 14 | The conduct of labor market surveys. [Title 20 CFR 667.262(b)(7)] |

Unallowable Activities

| Category Number | Unallowable Activities |
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| 1 | As a matter of State policy, the development of on-the-job training opportunities [though authorized by Title 20 CFR 667.262(8)] is NOT considered to be an appropriate activity to be funded with rapid response funds. |
| 2 | Use of project funds for employment generating activities, economic development activities, investment in revolving loan funds, capitalization of businesses, investment in contract bidding resource centers, and similar activities is not allowable pursuant to WIA Section 181(e). |
| 3 | Contacts with potential employers for the purpose of placement of WIA participants. [Title 20 CFR 667.262(b)(1)] |