

WORKFORCE SERVICES INFORMATION NOTICE

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: PROGRAM YEAR 2016-17 RAPID RESPONSE FUNDING

The Employment Development Department announces the Rapid Response (RR) and Layoff Aversion (LOA) funding provided to Local Workforce Development Areas (Local Area) for the period of July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017; see attachment for specific funding detail. Please note these allocations include both the formula RR funding along with separate allocations for LOA, consistent with policy detailed in Workforce Services Directive [WSD14-3](#) published on September 03, 2014.

Use of Rapid Response and Layoff Aversion Funds

These funds can only be used to defray the cost of required and allowable RR activities in response to layoffs, business closures, and natural disasters. Only expenditures for activities described in Sections 3(51) and 134(a)(2)(A) of the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* (WIOA) will be reimbursed under the formula RR grant codes. Other activities not described in these sections must be paid with other funds.

As referenced in Directive WSD14-3, baseline, layoff-based, and hold-harmless RR funds will continue to be issued to each Local Area in their master subgrant, as grant codes 540 and 541. These formula RR funds may be spent on the wide range of required and/or allowable activities. Local Areas shall continue to report Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) participant enrollments funded with RR formula funds, under grant code 2274. LOA funding will be issued under grant codes 292 and 293 in each Local Area's master subgrant. These funds are to be spent exclusively on LOA activities, which don't include IWT.

Participants receiving Additional Assistance services must be enrolled in grant code 241. Funds used for training services when serving Additional Assistance participants qualify as "leveraged resources," which will assist Local Areas in meeting the training expenditure requirement, as described in Directive [WSD14-1](#).

Consistent with other PY 2016-17 WIOA allocations, these funds will not be available until the state budget is in place.

The EDD is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

PY 2015-16 RR and LA Funds

In light of the fact that WIOA transition is stretching into a second year and up to 50 percent of PY 2015-16 RR funds can be used for WIOA transition, the state has decided to allow Local Areas to carry forward any unspent PY 2015-16 RR and LAO funds, and will extend the term end dates for those funds to June 30, 2017. The state will **not** reduce the Local Areas' PY 2016-17 RR and LOA allocations by their PY 2015-16 carry forward amounts.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your assigned [Regional Advisor](#).

/S/ JOSÉ LUIS MÁRQUEZ, Chief
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Attachment is available on the internet:

1. [PY 2016-17 Rapid Response Funding Allocations](#)