Employment Development Department
State of California

INFORMATION NOTICE

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PROGRAM YEAR 2017-18 RAPID RESPONSE FUNDING

The Rapid Response (RR) and Layoff Aversion (LA) funding provided to Local Workforce Development Areas (Local Areas) for the period of July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, has been released (see attachment for specific funding detail). Please note these allocations include both the "formula" RR funding along with separate allocations for LA, consistent with the policy detailed in Workforce Services Directive WSD16-04 published on July 22, 2016.

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. LA 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 LA activities, which includes 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.

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

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your assigned Regional Advisor.

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Attachment is available on the internet:

1. PY 17-18 Rapid Response Funding Allocations