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**To: Local Workforce Investment Act Boards (WIBs), WIA Administrative Entities, Fiscal Agents, One-Stop Partners, ODJFS Regional Rapid Response Coordinators, Local Area Rapid Response Coordinators and Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) Business Service Representatives**

**From: John Weber, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Workforce Development**

**Subject: Additional Services and Funding for WIA Clients**

The economic downturn has resulted in massive numbers of Ohioans needing workforce development services, especially training. This is in addition to the loss of WIA formula funds which recorded the largest reduction occurring in the dislocated worker funds (almost 30 percent) in recent years. Fortunately, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 infused Ohio's workforce system with WIA stimulus funds, which will help support our tens of thousands of customers seeking services.

WIA provides funding to meet some of our customer's training needs. Unfortunately, the reality is that there are simply not enough training funds to meet the demand. Even with the assistance of ARRA funding, training funds may not be available to every WIA customer who needs to acquire new skills in today's hiring market.

When WIA or ARRA funds are unavailable or insufficient, other funding sources may pay for the training necessary for a WIA participant's future employment success. When this situation arises, it becomes even more important to look at other services, funds or grants to meet our client's needs.

Grants or programs that are available to dislocated workers or those individuals at risk of becoming dislocated include:

1. Rapid Response
2. National Emergency Grants (NEGs), including:
  - a. Disaster Related NEG
  - b. Industry Specific NEGs (like the Auto-NEG)
  - c. Regional Impact NEGs
  - d. Formula-Replenishment  
(Note: The state applies on behalf of one or more WIBs)
3. Ohio Learning Accounts (OLA)
4. Trade Adjustment Assistance
5. WIA Formula Intensive Funds (when training funds are depleted)

The attached grid offers additional information on these potential resources. This list is not all-inclusive.

**Before telling a customer that services are not available, please contact the appropriate entity listed on the attached grid.**

During these economic times, it's very important that we use all of our resources to meet the escalating needs of customers in our communities.

## Potential grants for services for WIA participants

Grant Type	Eligible Population?	Available	Services	Application Required?	E-mail Contact	Internet Information Available at:
<b>Automotive National Emergency Grants (NEGs)</b>	Dislocated Workers (DW) from one of the DOL-approved auto-related companies named in the grant (contact Rapid Response)	Check with WIB*	Core, intensive, training, supportive services and needs related payments.	Yes	Local WIB (see next column)	<a href="http://www.ifs.ohio.gov/workforce/localboard/index.stm">http://www.ifs.ohio.gov/workforce/localboard/index.stm</a>
<b>Formula Funds Replenishment NEGs</b>	Dislocated worker as defined in WIA section 101(9)	No	Intensive, training, supportive services and needs related payments.	Yes	ODJFS Office of Workforce Development Rapid Response RAPDRESP@JFS.OHIO.GOV	<a href="http://wdr.dolet.a.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL19-08acc.pdf">http://wdr.dolet.a.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL19-08acc.pdf</a>
<b>Ohio Learning Accounts (OLAs)</b>	Project HIRE participants, who meet a potential employer's requirements and are selected to be hired	Yes	Training is available if it is a required condition of employment. Must provide credential, certificate, OJT or specialized training outcome at conclusion of training period.	Yes	WIAQNA@ifs.ohio.gov	<a href="http://ifs.ohio.gov/workforce/workforceprof/Project_Hire_OLA.stm">http://ifs.ohio.gov/workforce/workforceprof/Project_Hire_OLA.stm</a>
<b>Rapid Response</b>	Workers at risk of layoff	Yes	Labor-Management Committees, transition centers, seminars and workshops, general dislocated worker services (i.e., the same core, intensive and training), additional staffing and equipment.	Yes	ODJFS Office of Workforce Development Rapid Response RAPDRESP@JFS.OHIO.GOV	<a href="http://www.ohio.red.gov/">http://www.ohio.red.gov/</a>
<b>Regional Economic Impact NEGs</b>	Affected workers from companies that are, or are expected to be, impacted by layoffs within the defined regional economy within one year of the grant award date.	No	Two components. The first is direct reemployment-related services to workers impacted by layoffs, is required. The second is an optional planning component.	Yes	ODJFS Office of Workforce Development Rapid Response RAPDRESP@JFS.OHIO.GOV	<a href="http://wdr.dolet.a.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL19-08acc.pdf">http://wdr.dolet.a.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL19-08acc.pdf</a>
<b>Trade Adjustment Assistance</b>	Determined by US DOL based upon a filed petition.	Check the TAA petition approval list on the internet (see last column)	Employment counseling, resume writing, interview skills workshop, career assessment, job search & development, referral, and allowances, relocation allowances, training, trade readjustment allowances, and Health Care Tax Credits (HCTC).	Yes	Trade@ifs.ohio.gov	<a href="http://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/benefits.cfm">http://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/benefits.cfm</a>  <a href="http://ifs.ohio.gov/ouc/TradeAdjustAssist_FAQ.stm">http://ifs.ohio.gov/ouc/TradeAdjustAssist_FAQ.stm</a>
<b>WIA local formula and stimulus funds for intensive services</b>	Adult and Dislocated Workers	Based upon availability at the local level	Pre-vocational skills training, out of the area job search, literacy activities, basic workforce readiness, and work experience (subject to the local WIB policy).	No	Local One-Stop Center (see next column)	<a href="http://ifs.ohio.gov/workforce/jobseekers/onestopmap.stm">http://ifs.ohio.gov/workforce/jobseekers/onestopmap.stm</a>

\* WIB means Workforce Investment Board.