Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) State Compliance Policy (SCP)

Policy Number: 1.10

Originating Office: DETR; Workforce Innovation Support Services (WISS)

Subject: Coordination of Training Funds with Other Financial Assistance Programs

Issued: Replaces WIA Section 1.10 in State Compliance Policies; Approved non-substantive changes July 19, 2023.

<u>Purpose</u>: In accordance with WIOA Sec. 134, outline the requirements for coordination of training funds with other financial assistance programs.

<u>State Imposed Requirements</u>: This directive may contain some state-imposed requirements. These requirements are printed in **bold**, *italic type*.

<u>Authorities/References</u>: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (P.L. 113-128), WIOA Sec. 134, 20 CFR § 680.200 and § 680.230, TEGL 19-16 and SCP 1.8.

ACTION REQUIRED: Upon issuance bring this guidance to the attention of all WIOA service providers, Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) Board members and any other concerned parties. Any LWDB's policies, procedures, and or contracts affected by this guidance are required to be updated accordingly.

Background: Types of training services are listed in WIOA Sec. 134 (c)(3)(D), 20 CFR § 680.200 and State Compliance Policy 1.8. The WIOA 134 (c)(3)(B)(i)(I) states that WIOA funding for training is limited to participants who are unable to obtain grant assistance from other sources to pay the costs of training or require assistance beyond that available under grant assistance from other sources to pay the costs of such training. WIOA Section 134 (c)(3)(B)(ii) states that training services may be provided under this paragraph to an individual who otherwise meets the requirements of this paragraph while an application for a Federal Pell Grant is pending, except that if such individual is subsequently awarded a Federal Pell Grant, appropriate reimbursement shall be made to the entity which provided payment from such Federal Pell Grant.

WIOA Final Regulations at 20 CFR § 680.230 (b) states that one-stop centers must consider the availability of other sources of grants to pay for training costs such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), state-funded training funds, and Federal Pell Grants, so that WIOA Title I funds supplement other sources of training grants. Per TEGL 19-16, veterans and spouses are not required to first use any available benefit entitlements associated with his or her military service before being considered eligible for WIOA funded training, and one-stop centers are not required to consider the availability of those funds.

Local Workforce Development Boards shall ensure that:

(a)WIOA funding for training is limited to participants who:

1. Are unable to obtain grant assistance from other sources to pay the costs of their training; or

2. Require assistance beyond that available under grant assistance from other sources to pay the costs of such training. 683.230(a)(1)(2)

(b) Providers must coordinate training funds available and make funding arrangements with one-stop partners and other entities to apply the provisions of <u>paragraph (a)</u> of this section. One-stop centers must consider the availability of other sources of grants to pay for training costs such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), state-funded training funds, and Federal Pell Grants, so that WIOA funds supplement other sources of training grants.

(c) A WIOA participant may enroll in WIOA-funded training while his/her application for a Pell Grant is pending as long as the one-stop center has made arrangements with the training provider and the WIOA participant regarding allocation of the Pell Grant, if it is subsequently awarded. In that case, the training provider must reimburse the one-stop center the WIOA funds used to underwrite the training for the amount the Pell Grant covers, including any education fees the training provider charges to attend training. Reimbursement is not required from the portion of Pell Grant assistance disbursed to the WIOA participant for education-related expenses.

Provider agreements are monitored at least once per program year. Monitoring will include examination of the school's financial data and individual student records to determine that contract specifications on the use of WIOA and Federal Pell Grant funds have been met. 20 CFR § 683.410