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STATEWIDE RESERVE FUND



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What is the WIOA Statewide Reserve Fund?

- The Statewide Reserve Fund is authorized as part of the Federal Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) under 20 CFR 682.110 (b).
- WIOA is a federally funded grant program that provides Youth, Adult and Dislocated Worker funding throughout our Commonwealth to Local Workforce Development Boards, State Agencies, and Non-Profit 501(c)3 organizations that engage in the required/allowable WIOA activities.



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What projects/programs are eligible?

- The goal of the Statewide Reserve Fund is to promote innovative approaches to meeting the goals laid out in the WIOA State Plan and provides a mechanism to allow for statewide initiatives outside of the established Local Workforce Development Areas.
- All programs/projects funded under the Statewide Reserve Fund must meet the requirements outlined in WIOA under 20 CFR 682.200-220, the Wagner-Peyser Act, and all applicable state/local statutes or regulations.



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Previously Funded Examples

- Developing strategies for serving individuals with barriers to employment to enter in-demand industry sectors, and for coordinating programs and services among partners.
 - ELC has funded training to reduce employment barriers for heavy equipment operators, construction trades, advanced manufacturing, healthcare, and information technology.
 - Transportation/Logistics: Electric battery manufacturing talent pipeline.
- Implementing programs and technical training for services to youth, adult and dislocated workers to increase the number of individuals training for and placed in non-traditional employment.
 - Developing talent pipelines from high school to skilled trade schools and college.



What is the Statewide Reserve Fund (SWR) Review Team?

- The SWR Review Team (“The Review Team”) is comprised of Cabinet, Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board, and Department of Workforce Development leadership staff within the Education & Labor Cabinet. The review team process and review the applications for Statewide Reserve Fund grants.
- The Review Team reviews the merits of the applications based on many factors which include, but are not limited to:
 - Amount of Funding Available vs. Amount Requested.
 - Program/Project Expected Impacts.
 - Compliance with Statewide Plan.
 - Aligns with Administration’s goals/policies.
- After review, the Review Team makes recommendations to the Governor and/or designee. Final approval is at the sole discretion of the Governor and/or their designee. Applications do not imply approval or guarantee of funding.



How do I apply for a SWR Grant?

- All SWR Grant requests must be submitted on a current, approved application form. Applications submitted on prior versions will not be considered.
- The Application (Attachment-A), Budget (Attachment-B), Certification (Attachment-C) and Previous Statewide Reserve Grant Performance Template (Attachment D) forms must be completed in full and returned to the Fund Administrator via email or postal mail.
- The program/project must have sufficient information regarding the programs goals, expected outcomes, impact, and expected budget.
- Completed Applications and all attachments must be *RECEIVED* via email or postal mail by close of business on the **FIRST Wednesday of the Month** to be included on the Review Team agenda for that month's review.
- Applications received after the deadline will be held until the next month's review.



Attachment D – Previous SWR Grant Performance Template– Key Elements

- The new attachment evaluates execution of prior SWR grant performance goals.
- Were the goals met, under or overachieved.

Performance Indicator	Outcome	Percentage of Goal Achieved	Outcome / Percentage of Goal Achieved (Fraction)	Rate of Goal Achievement (Percentage)
<i>Example: Number of participants served</i>	75	100	75/100	75%
<i>Positive employment outcomes (completions)</i>	18	21	18/21	86%
<i>Employer Engagements</i>	90	75	90/75	120%

- And then based upon the prior grant performance, what does the entity plan to do to improve upon or revise to achieve success with this grant application?



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How long is the review and approval process?

- It is recommended that you submit your request 30-60 days from the submission deadline to the start of your program/project.
- The Review Team generally meets within 1-2 weeks of the submission deadline.
- Generally, the Recommendation Report is reviewed, and final approvals are provided by the Governor and/or designee within the same month.
- Applications that are denied receive a notice detailing any feedback from the Review Team and/or Governor. Denied applicants are welcome to resubmit their proposals with corrections for future review.
- Upon final approval, the agency/organization will work with ELC to execute all necessary contractual documents. (Notice of Funds Availability (NFA) or Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)).



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NEW UPDATES

- Funding Initiative boxes in the application (3 funding buckets):
 1. Local Initiative(s).
 2. Local Innovation(s) in alignment with Governor's workforce priorities.
 3. Governor's Priority Investments including discretionary state level funding.
- Under the Purpose/Description of the Project (c.):
 - Timeframe/Outcomes/Identify 1st year quarterly milestones.



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Questions?

- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) list will be developed and added to the website for future reference.



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