



RIVERSIDE COUNTY
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

**PELL GRANT
*POLICY***

Date: August 26, 2014

Number: 20-05

PURPOSE: To provide guidance to Workforce Investment Board staff and training providers on coordinating Pell Grant funds to pay the costs of tuition-related expenses.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2014

REFERENCES: Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) Section 663.320

LOCALLY IMPOSED REQUIREMENTS: N/A

POLICY:

Workforce Section 663.320 states that WIA funding for training is limited to participants who are unable to obtain grant assistance from other sources to pay the costs of their training, or require assistance beyond that available under grant assistance from other sources to pay the costs of such training.

Additionally, the training provider must coordinate training funds available and make funding arrangements with the county. Training providers must consider the availability of Pell Grants and other sources of grants to pay for training costs, so that WIA funds supplement other sources of training grants.

The training provider is required to report all funds available or projected on a cost proposal from the school before final approval to attend training is granted.

“A WIA participant may enroll in WIA-funded training while his/her application for a Pell Grant is pending as long as the One-Stop operator has made arrangements with the training provider and the WIA participant regarding allocation of the Pell Grant, if it is subsequently awarded. In that case, the training provider must reimburse the One-Stop operator the WIA funds used to underwrite the training for the amount the Pell Grant covers. Reimbursement is not required from the portion of Pell Grant assistance disbursed to the WIA participant for education-related expenses. (WIA sec.134 (d)(4)(B).”

In instances where the school does not have a policy or a basis for calculating the portion of Pell Grant assistance that is considered education-related expenses versus tuition-related expense, the training provider should apply the Pell Grant award against the cost of the training to offset WIA funding costs as described in the workforce regulation.

PROCEDURES:

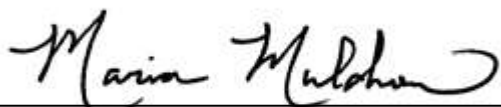
Refer to Knowledge Management on the [WDC/Partner Intranet](#) site for procedures related to this policy.

INQUIRIES:

Please direct any questions or concerns regarding this Policy to EDA Workforce Division's Operations Unit.

REVISION HISTORY:

Revision Dates: N/A
Original Policy Date: 08/26/14



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