

**TO: Program Planning & Development**

**DATE: 03/23/06**

**FROM: WIB Staff**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**For Discussion**

**SUBJECT: Limited Funds Policy**

**PROPOSED MOTION (S): Revoke the Limited Funds Policy and forward to the WIB for approval.**

**DISCUSSION: On March 27, 2003, the Workforce Investment Board declared that Workforce Investment Act funding was “limited” and approved a Limited Funds Policy. The immediate result was to give preference to low-income individuals for the receipt of intensive and training services. When the policy was implemented, the WIB’s primary customer was the participant.**

**Since that time there has been a primary shift in that business is now the primary customer. Businesses deserve the “best” participant, not the best of the low-income participants.**

**The local workforce investment area has exceeded its enrollment goals every year since program inception. It is ahead of this year’s objectives. The major impact of the Limited Funds Policy has been to increase the workload of staff to ascertain low-income status. The numbers of low-income individuals have proven to be relatively small, therefore nonlow-income participants have been able to be served.**

**In summary, consideration should be given to revoking the Limited Funds Policy. It is inconsistent with the present WIB policy of business first. The process was implemented to ensure low-income individuals received training priorities, but funding has proven adequate to serve both low-income and nonlow-income participants. The extensive amount of time spent verifying income could be spent better serving clients.**

**ATTACHMENT (S): Limited Funds Policy**



**DEPARTMENT OF  
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT**

**Policy/Procedures  
For**

**Limited Funds**

**Policy:** In accordance with Section 134 (d)(4)(E) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, the local Workforce Investment Board (WIB) determined adult employment and training funds are limited, therefore priority for intensive and training services shall be given to low-income individuals and veterans. Exceptions under this policy include candidates in the Licensed Vocational Nursing, Registered Nursing, and basic Police Academy Training programs.

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