

TO: Executive Committee

DATE: 04/03/06

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 Workforce Investment Board (WIB) for ratification.

DISCUSSION: On March 27, 2003, the WIB 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.

The Limited Funds Policy 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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