

ARRA Workforce Investment Act and ARRA Wagner-Peyser Grant

Purpose of Funds: The priority uses of these funds are for adult employment and training activities. These funds are to be used for services to public assistance recipients and other low income individuals. The fund uses also include youth activities with a particular emphasis on creating summer employment opportunities.. They will serve youth up to the age of 24.

Receiving Department: Office of Economic Development

Amount: \$4.7 million

Type of Grant: Formula

Estimated Jobs Created/Retained: 3 temporary jobs will be created to provide program and administrative services. Additional jobs are expected to be supported through was subsidy and business outreach.

Number of People Served: 400 adults and 400 youth. The Office of Economic Development has a goal that 82% of the people trained will get placed in a job and of those 70% will retain a job for 12 months or longer.

Public Process:

The Mayor and his cabinet reviewed the plan April 3, 2009. Per legislative requirements, Denver Workforce Investment Board reviewed and approved the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act plan on May 1, 2009. Office of Economic Development presented to City Council's Neighborhood, Community and Business Revitalization Committee on May 26, 2009. Expenditure authorization sent to Mayor on June 1, 2009.

Proposed Spending:

This grant allows job seekers to be more competitive by conducting employment training and employment support. This program will provide individual training accounts, skill training, on-the-job training, and support services to assist job seekers in returning to work. The grant will be used to provide customized training for businesses to help their employees be more competitive and increase their business. Finally, this program will provide wage subsidy support directly to businesses to facilitate employment expansion opportunities.

For more information, please see the oversight committee docs at
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