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To: Michigan Works! Agency (MWA) Directors

From: Krista Johnson, Division Administrator **SIGNED**
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Subject: Michigan Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant (DWG) -
COVID-19 Disaster Recovery Project

Programs Affected: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Dislocated Worker

Revisions: None

References: WIOA of 2014, Public Law (PL) 113-128 (29 United States Code Section 3101, *et seq.*)

WIOA Final Rule 20 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 682, et al.

Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 12-19, Change 1
Operating Guidance for the WIOA National Dislocated Worker Grant Program

TEGL 19-16 Guidance on Services Provided Through the Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs under the WIOA and the Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service (ES), as Amended by Title III of WIOA, and for Implementation of the WIOA Final Rules

PI 20-28, Change 1

Background: COVID-19 Disaster Recovery Project grants are awarded under the WIOA National DWG Program.

DWGs are discretionary grants awarded by the Secretary of Labor under Section 170 of the WIOA to provide employment-related services for dislocated workers. The Department funds two types of DWGs: Disaster Recovery and Employment Recovery. Disaster Recovery DWGs provide

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funding to create temporary employment opportunities to assist with clean-up and recovery efforts when an area impacted by an emergency or major disaster is declared eligible for public assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), or is declared, or otherwise recognized, as an emergency or disaster of national significance by a Federal agency with authority or jurisdiction over Federal response to the disaster or emergency. On March 13, 2020, the President signed a nationwide emergency declaration for COVID-19 pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of the Stafford Act to include all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and four territories.

In April 2020, MWA Directors were surveyed to determine potential need and uses for DWG funding to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. Based on those survey results, the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, Workforce Development (LEO-WD) submitted a \$10 million emergency funding request to the United States Department of Labor (USDOL). The Disaster Recovery application included all 83 Michigan counties and focused on three areas: Disaster-Relief Employment (DRE) to hire contact tracers and for other jobs directly tied to the COVID-19 relief and recovery effort; additional dislocated worker funding to accommodate the expected rise in unemployment during and after the pandemic; and technology upgrades to enhance the Michigan Works! system's ability to better serve participants going forward, particularly through the provision of virtual services.

Due to the unprecedented demand for funds at the national level, states generally received 1/3 of requested funding. On May 28, 2020, the USDOL conditionally awarded Michigan \$3,330,000 in Disaster Recovery DWG funding with a period of performance of May 6, 2020 through June 30, 2022.

Policy:

WD previously distributed \$3,159,043 to all sixteen MWAs based on criteria derived from the COVID-19 emergency funding request to the USDOL leaving \$127,804 in reserve for MWAs needing additional funding for disaster-relief employment or employment and training activities. The initial allocation may be used to support DRE, Career and Training Services, and Technology Upgrades in accordance with the final MWA COVID-19 Project Proposals submitted to WD in August 2020. Funding for Technology Upgrades cannot exceed the budgeted amount in the final proposal.

In October 2021, the WD surveyed the MWAs to determine if all allocated funding would be expended by the June 30, 2022, deadline. All MWAs responded affirmatively and two, Macomb-St. Clair Michigan Works! and Oakland County Michigan Works!, indicated a need for additional funding.

This policy allocates \$100,000 in additional COVID-19 Disaster Recovery Project DWG funding to Oakland County Michigan Works! and \$27,804 in additional funding to Macomb-St. Clair Michigan Works!

All other provisions of PI 20-28 and PI 20-28, Change 1 not specifically altered by this policy change remain unchanged and in effect.

Action: Affected MWAs have already submitted a revised Budget Information Summary and no further action is required.

Inquiries: Questions regarding this policy should be directed to Ms. Jimelle Howard at HowardJ24@michigan.gov.

This policy is available for downloading from the [WD website](#).

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**Expiration
Date:**

June 30, 2022

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Michigan Works! Agency	Funding Allocation	Additional Funding Allocation	Final Award
Berrien/Cass/Van Buren	\$85,500		\$85,500
Capital Area	\$65,340		\$65,340
DESC	\$350,000		\$350,000
Great Lakes Bay	\$74,962		\$74,962
GST Michigan Works!	\$311,311		\$311,311
Macomb/St. Clair	\$500,000	\$27,804	\$527,804
Northeast	\$25,000		\$25,000
Northwest	\$45,000		\$45,000
Oakland	\$405,000	\$100,000	\$505,000
Region 7B	\$95,000		\$95,000
Southeast	\$228,000		\$228,000
SEMCA	\$400,000		\$400,000
Southwest	\$152,130		\$152,130
UPWARD Talent Council	\$99,000		\$99,000
West Central	\$37,800		\$37,800
West Michigan Works!	\$285,000		\$285,000
Total	\$3,159,043	\$127,804	\$3,286,847