

ALABAMA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

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Using Discretionary Grant Funds Before WIOA Program Funds

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1. Purpose. This Directive requires Governor's Local Workforce Areas to spend time-sensitive Discretionary Grant funds before Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program funds.
2. Discussion. The State of Alabama often secures Discretionary Grants, which supplement WIOA funds. However, the Grants sometimes have short time periods to expend funds. For example, Alabama was awarded a National Dislocated Worker Grant of \$4,425,091 in September of 2022. The grant is funding Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) and On-the-Job Training (OJT) in Local Areas 1, 3 and 6. If the grant period had not been extended, Alabama would have lost a considerable amount of training dollars. This kind of situation can be avoided by expending Discretionary Grant dollars first.
3. Action. It is the responsibility of the Local Workforce Areas and Career Center staff to review this directive and use Discretionary Grant funds before WIOA funds if applicants are eligible for the Discretionary Grant. This Directive will also be posted on the website, www.wioa-alabama.org, under the Governor's Workforce Innovation Directives.
4. Contact. Any questions regarding this Directive should be addressed to Lorilei Sanders, at (334) 353-1632 or by email at lorilei.sanders@commerce.alabama.gov.

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