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GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE INNOVATION DIRECTIVE NO. PY2023-02

SUBJECT: Local Area Awards Fund

1. Purpose. This Directive provides information about the establishment of the Local Area Awards Fund and the application process for Local Workforce Development Areas.

2. Discussion. Starting in Program Year 2023 (PY23), a Local Area Awards Fund will be established. The Fund will use about three (3) percent of funds from the Governor's Set Aside Fund to make awards to the Local Workforce Development Areas.

To receive funds, Local Areas must offer a proposal including what the award will be used for and a budget for the programs. The proposal should be no longer than ten (10) pages in length, including the budget.

Proposed programs must serve individuals eligible for WIOA. Programs may focus on Adults, Youth or Dislocated Workers and may include more than one group. The total amount of funds available for all Local Areas is included in the annual directive issuing Governor's Set Aside and local area allocations. Funds must not be used for administration or staffing costs. Proposals focusing on innovative pilot programs for serving participants are encouraged.

Proposals will be selected for award based on merit and need.

3. Action. Please review the attached document and retain for future reference and ensure that all appropriate staff and local workforce boards are aware of the new guidance outlining the process to receive an award. Proposals are due by October 25 of each year. If October 25 is not a working day, the due date will be the first working day following October 25. Awards will be made no later than Nov. 1 of each year.

4. Contact. Questions regarding the Local Area Awards Fund should be directed to Lorilei Sanders, Workforce Development Division at (334) 353-1632 or lorilei.sanders@commerce.alabama.gov.

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